

Welcome

Welcome to St Andrew's,
especially if you are
visiting for the first time.
Refreshments are served
after the service - it would
be lovely to meet you.

**No one belongs here
more than you**

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry is offered
during communion and
after the 10.30am service.

Children and Families

*All children are welcome at
St Andrew's, do not worry
if yours make a bit of noise.*

**-Junior Church meets
today and then returns
on 30 August**

-Deeper is back on 6 Sept

For Y6+, usually meets on 1st
and 3rd Sundays in term time
**Please see our website
for more details.**

Supporting St Andrew's

If you would like to support
the work of our church, there
is a **contactless card reader** by
the church entrance or you can
donate to our Barclays account:
Hertford St Andrew PCC
A/C No: 50715050
Sort Code: 20-20-37

** Please consider
regular giving
and using Gift Aid*
Speak to our Joint
Treasurers, Judy
& Nick Sharman



26 July 2026
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

Prayer Ministry is offered during the service

(all words will be on the screen)

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First Reading: Romans 8. 31-39 (Katie Seaton)

Gospel: Matthew 13. 31-35, 44-46

Chalice: Charles Ledsam

Debbie Ledsam, Lesley Self

Prayer Ministry: Angie Harris, John Harris

Hymns (on screen)

555 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

575 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

There is a hope

768 Jesus, remember me (Taizé chant)

125 Crown him with many crowns

Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you –
John Rutter

**6.30pm Evensong (BCP) at St Mary's
Hertingfordbury** Rev. Bill Church

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)

[Compline returns on 13 September]

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect, Reading and Notices

Collect: Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Romans 8. 31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel:

Matthew 13. 31-35, 44-46

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

July worship software trial

Today is the last of four Sundays where we will be displaying the entire service on the screens. We've experimented with different functions over the last month and we welcome your feedback.

There is a short questionnaire (online via the QR code or on paper in church), so please share your views by 12 August about using the screens in Sunday services.



Adrian Walter, Lay Leader of Worship

News and Notices

coffee morning

**SATURDAY
1ST AUGUST
10.30AM - 12.30PM**

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ**

☼ Tin Tombola

☼ Homemade goods

☼ Music

+ Fairtrade coffee
& home-baked cakes

**RAISING FUNDS FOR PARKINSON'S UK
AND ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk



What is a Coffee Morning without cake?

The cakes and bakes at our St Andrew's Coffee Mornings always go down very well with a cuppa! But we wouldn't be able to offer such a glorious spread each month were it not for our brilliant Bakers Galore team - and not only is there enjoyment in the eating, the savoury and sweet delights help us raise money for various charities and for our church.

We welcome more bakers!

If you're not already one of those who contributes two or three times a year on the Bakers Galore rota, would you consider joining the team? We'd love to hear from you. For more information, please get in touch with Shirley Taylor:

shirleytaylor06@gmail.com

Thank you



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike

BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Bike 'n Hike in Beds 'n Herts

This year's Bike 'n Hike is on **Saturday 12 September**. Have fun cycling or walking to churches and chapels in your area at the same time as raising funds for your church or chapel. More details from: **Bike 'n Hike website:** <https://bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/>

We will be offering a welcome and refreshments at St Andrew's Church – if you can help (any time between 9–5), please contact Carol Muhr on 01992 587753. Thank you!

August Coffee Morning

Can you offer us any items for the Tin Tombola or some homemade goodies?

- Anything made of tin or in a tin
- Homemade items such as cards, preserves, wool and fabric items, cakes, pastries or jewellery

Please leave at the back of the church (and bring any perishable items either on the evening of Friday 31st or before 10.00am on Saturday 1st).

Thank you! *Hazel and Peter Risby*

Direct to your Inbox!

Receive news about what's happening at St Andrew's and in the community, plus sermons, service information and links to online worship... we would love to keep in touch with you! If you'd like to receive emails, please fill in our consent form – there are paper copies at the back of the church or you can scan the QR code (right) or go to:

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/communication



*Many of our regular activities and services
are taking a break during the summer*

– this is when they return:

Junior Church 30 August; **Toddler Group** 3 Sept

Deeper 6 Sept; **Soul Sunday** 6 Sept

Mindfulness & Meditation 9 Sept

Compline 13 Sept; **Breathe** 19 Sept

Toddler Service continues throughout the summer

– 10.00am on Mondays at St Andrew's

Please pray for: Matthew Deards, Georgina Laval,
Jean, Sienna, Dino, John-Pierre Abner, Roger Beavis,
Beryl Wrangles, James, Carol, Chris, Phoebe, Geoff
Budd, Pauline Rhodes, Trevor, Jill, Paula Collins

Rest in Peace:

Daphne Rooke, Thelma Lovegrove, Jane Hillen

In Year's Mind: Betty Major

St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

Monday 27

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

10.00am **Toddler Service**

Wednesday 29

10.30am **Holy Communion** *Rev. Scott Martin*

12noon **Funeral of Thelma Lovegrove**

Thursday 30

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Saturday 1 August

10.00am **Exploring Faith** at St Mary's
Hertingfordbury

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

Sunday 2

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Reflection: Maria Henriksson-Bell,

Lay Leader of Worship

10.30am **Morning Worship on ZOOM**

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Reflection: Courtesy of HeartEdge

12.30pm **Holy Baptism of Rosie Eleanor Milton**

Rev. Alan Stewart

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