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NAMING FEAR

As I write, angry mobs have been gathering in towns across the country, demonstrating outside mosques, damaging hotels housing refugees, and clashing violently with police. This was sparked, we're told, by misinformation on social media following the tragic death of three little girls in a Southport dance class; Bebe, Elsie and Alice.

Even after clarification that the killer was born and bred here in the UK and not linked to any extremist groups, the violent protests continue.

It's clear that far-right groups have been able to tap into deep-seated anger among those who feel disenfranchised and frustrated by what they see as the failure of successive governments to limit immigration.

It's clear that these root causes of anger and fear need to be addressed at government level, but the work of peace-making always begins at grassroots. What does that look like?

It looks like ordinary people turning up the morning after to clear the damage and rebuild the walls torn down as missiles. It looks like thousands gathered in vigil to blow bubbles like prayers into the sky. It looks like members of a mosque taking food to anti-Islamic protesters and cups of tea to police officers. It looks like an imam hugging one of those protesters, crying, 'our hearts are broken too'.

This anger and fear cannot simply be addressed by legislation, prison and fines. It can only be met with understanding and compassion. And that's harder, much, much harder.

Perhaps this is a moment for us all to reflect on our own anger and prejudice; to ask for the courage not to suppress it but to own it and name it, because sometimes naming something



can diffuse its power. And then to ask ourselves if there is anything we can do to address it. Can I speak to or speak up for someone I struggle to accept, or reach out with little acts of kindness. If I pray, I can pray that the all-inclusive love of God works its miracle within us all, beginning with me.

Alan

WELCOME!

I am pleased to welcome everyone to St Andrew's, but in particular visitors and newcomers.

Details of services are given in the following pages and the back of the magazine. If you wish to know more about anything mentioned, please get in touch with the contact person named in the article or speak with me or one of the churchwardens. For contact details, see the previous page.

The church is open during daylight hours, and there is a prayer space by the main door where there is an opportunity to post prayers on the prayer board and light a candle.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE OCTOBER MAGAZINE IS **SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**. Please send copy by e-mail to hertfordsta@aol.co.uk or post to Richard Taylor at 22 Highfield Road, Hertford SG13 8BH (Tel. 01992 302995).

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS

Church Services

You will find a full list of church services on the final page of this magazine and on the church website, with some additional information about certain services on this and the following page.

Junior Church

Children are welcome to attend Junior Church which runs during the 10.30am Parish Communion service on most Sundays during school term time, except during an All-Age service, when the children stay in church for the whole service.

ALL-AGE SERVICE

8th September at 10.30am

A shorter, child-friendly, interactive communion service with songs, prayers and surprises.

St Andrew's services on Zoom

Zoom codes are set out immediately prior to the list of services at the end of this magazine and are also available from the church office: standrew.hertford@btinternet.com or by calling 01992 504373.

Join us on Zoom for:

Service of the Word

every Sunday at 10.30am with praise, prayer and teaching. There is a communion service once a month. Please check the services on the last two pages of this magazine and the website for dates.

On Zoom on Sundays at 7pm except the second Sunday of the month.



Compline is based on the Felgild Compline from the Northumbria Community and Night Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.



**OUR MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING
IN PERSON & ON ZOOM
on Saturday 7th September at 8.30am**

Join us on Zoom or pop down to St Andrew's and join us in the Lady Chapel as we pray for ourselves, our churches and our world during these worrying times.



**ON ZOOM at 7.30pm on
Wednesdays 11th & 25th September
ALSO IN CHURCH ON 11TH SEPTEMBER**

Explore the riches of Christian Meditation and how it fits with the practice and insights of Mindfulness

Each weekly session is free and lasts for about 45 minutes. We begin with some gentle exercises to help still the mind and then a guided meditation, followed by some silence.

Beginners especially welcome!

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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS

Licensing & Installation of Reverend Simon Cutmore

as Incumbent Designate of All Saints' Hertford

4th September at 7.30pm

Please be seated by 7.15pm

We offer a welcome to Simon and his family. All are welcome to attend. RSVP: wardens@allsaintshertford.org

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

At the **All Age Service** on **Sunday 8th September at 10.30am** we welcome our new Children and Families Worker, Lindsey Betteridge, and commission all those at St Andrew's who work with our children and young people.

CONTEMPORARY CAFÉ-STYLE SERVICE

7pm

on **Sunday 8th September**

in the St Andrew's Centre

JOIN US AT 6.45 FOR REFRESHMENTS

soul food

a service with worship songs, creative prayer, gentle discussion and time for reflection.

Weekly Prayer Meeting

PRAYING FOR

Our Youth, Our Schools
Our Community - Hertford and Ware

WHEN

12:30-1pm
every Tuesday
(Term time only)

WHERE

Pioneer Hall,
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just turn up!

WHERE
Sele Community Hub
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Farm SG14 2DJ

All Creatures Great & Small!

A short service of thanksgiving for the pets & animals that have become part of the family



Sunday 22nd September
3pm at St Mary's Church
Hertingfordbury

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CHURCH FAMILY

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into the Lord's family:

4th August **Darcy Belle Henry**

FUNERALS:

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

9th July **Paul John Lamorbey** aged 63.

11th July **Francesco de Paolis** aged 78. Francesco was a real citizen of the world, born in Rome, baptised in St Peter's and then living many European countries, in America, Africa and the Middle and Far East, finally retiring to Fanhams near Ware. As a rally driver and airline pilot, he clocked up countless miles during his life. Married to Ruth, they have a son, Olivier, and recently a grandson called Luca.

17th July **Gwendoline (Gwen) Elsie Crosse** aged 94. Gwen had in recent years become a regular worshipper at St Andrew's and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

24th July **Julian Bishopp** aged 87.

29th July Memorial Service for **David Lloyd**

15th August **Ted Jones** aged 84. Ted went through the war in Bethnal Green and Wales. He worked in Spitalfields fruit market and then as a lorry driver working from there and finally for 35 years as a lorry driver for J Sainsbury winning a ROSPA Safe Driving Award. In retirement he renovated and drove a vintage Volvo lorry. A lifelong Leyton Orient supporter he and Joan lived in Bengoe for 34 years. He always enjoyed life and will be greatly missed by Joan and their sons and grandchildren.

28th August **Christine Morris** aged 81. Christine was a real Hertford person starting life here as the youngest of 12 children. She worked for Addis' and Simmons bakery as well as bringing up two sons, and later welcoming four grandchildren. Despite health problems she was sociable and kind-hearted. She lived at Calton Court for 12 years.

WEDDING:

We rejoice with:

24th August

Natasha Cheung and Christopher Kwok

A WONDERFUL WELCOME FIRST

Welcome to Lennox Eloise who was born to Charlotte and Tom Harman on 26th June.



Charlotte and Tom were married at St Andrew's in July 2022. Lennox is their first child and a first grandchild for Charlotte's parents Melanie and Chris Seward. She is a third grandchild for Tom's parents, Madeleine and Richard Harman. Lennox is a Scottish name that reflects the roots of her paternal grandma. She is quickly becoming known as Lenni!

THEN THERE WERE THREE!

Congratulations to former choir member, Katherine Kirkbride (nee Eldred) and her husband Ross on the birth of a third son named Thomas, a brother to Emrys and Isaac. He weighed just over 7lb and was born on 15th August, which was his eldest brother's

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CHURCH FAMILY



6th birthday! That was one eventful day for all the family, not least for grandparents, Jane and Colin Eldred. Colin is pictured here with Thomas.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER



The sun shone on this special day for Laura Sharman who graduated on 17th July for a second time at Loughborough University. On this occasion it was with a postgraduate certificate in education. That means she is now a maths teacher, following in the footsteps of her mother! Pictured with Laura are dad Nick, mum Judy and brother Peter. Laura grew up within the St Andrew's church family and sang with the choir until going to university. Good luck to Laura as she starts her first job at Ashby School in Leicester.

LINDSEY INTRODUCES HERSELF AS ST ANDREW'S NEW CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER

We look forward to welcoming Lindsey.

Dear St Andrew's Community,

I am honoured to introduce myself as your new Children and Families Worker.

My name is Lindsey Betteridge, and I am thrilled to embark on this journey with all of you. My mother and older family and friends still use my first name which is Elaine, but I prefer my middle name of Lindsey. On that note our grandchildren call us Pip and Pop so you may hear that too.

I have lived in Hertford for 45 years having been a student at Balls Park where I met my husband Mark. We celebrated our ruby wedding anniversary last year and are blessed with three wonderful children and four treasured grandchildren.

I love walking and exploring nature, which gives me time for reflection and renewal. This is usually with Pudsey our dog around our beautiful parish; however, we are passionate about our walking holidays in Devon and Cornwall.



I find peace and satisfaction in our garden and love teaching our grandchildren all the about the flora and fauna we find there. I admit to leaving the hard graft to my lovely hubby! I truly enjoy cooking when it brings family and friends together, especially combined with my favourite 70's music and a dance around the table.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and serving our community with love and dedication.

Lindsey

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EVENTS

A green and yellow poster for a coffee morning event. The text is white and yellow. It features a background of stylized green leaves and a yellow sun.

coffee morning

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Le Café Français

**Saturday 28th September
9.30-12.00pm**

ST MARY'S HERTINGFORDBURY

Enjoy a taste of France without battling through passport control. Le Café Français is coming to **St Mary's** where there will be plenty of favourites including éclair au chocolat, tarte au citron, gâteau au pommes and tarte à la frangipane! Don't miss the wonderful stalls selling brocante and lavender products. All are very welcome and you won't have too much of a language barrier to worry about.



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SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER Bike 'n Hike OR WHATEVER!

Bike 'n Hike again offers the opportunity to raise money both for our church and for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust which provides grants for the conservation of churches.

Bike 'n Hike is the Trust's main fundraiser, raising £99,666 in 2023. This is a fantastic amount for which the Trust is most grateful, and they hope to break the £100,000 barrier in 2024.

It's a vital challenge, because while churches continue to need repairs, building costs have soared. The Trust can do it if more people are sponsored to take part in this fun day out, visiting beautiful historic churches. Half the sponsor money goes to the church nominated by the person taking part.

Therefore, for every £1 that we raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to St Andrew's. All the organising is done for us; all we have to do is to take part! Taking part involves raising a few pounds through sponsorship and/or providing your own donation and cycling, walking, driving or using public transport (it doesn't matter how you get about) to visit other churches. For more information please speak with Peter Ruffles (01992 582722). If you can help by being a welcoming face to visitors to St Andrew's on the day and/or by baking refreshments please contact Shirley Taylor on 01992 302995. For more information and to download a sponsorship form go to www.bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/

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EXPLORING ST PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

THE ROMANS COURSE

**Tuesday evenings at St Mary's Hertingfordbury
September – November 2024**



A ten-session Bible Society course exploring Paul's letter to the Romans. The course is created and presented by Andrew Ollerton, who will be familiar to those who took part in the recent Bible Course. It follows a similar pattern of video presentation and discussion.

What is the Romans Course?

The Romans Course is a ten-session programme which helps you study Paul's letter to the Romans. The course tackles ten big themes found in the book of Romans which are key to understanding the Christian faith:

- **Gospel** – How can we become confident in our faith?
- **Sin** – What's wrong with the world?
- **Salvation** – What's so amazing about grace?
- **Peace** – How can we find rest in a stressful world?
- **Freedom** – How can we avoid negative cycles?
- **Hope** – What has God promised?
- **Mystery** – If God is sovereign, what is our role?
- **Devotion** – How can we live full on for God?
- **Community** – How can we live together in love?
- **Mission** – How can we be ambitious with the gospel?

When and where

The Romans Course is running every Tuesday evening from 10th September through to 19th November (except 15th October) in the Brace Room at St Mary's Hertingfordbury. Tea and coffee is served from 7.45pm before the session starts at 8.00pm. We expect each session to finish at around 9.15pm.

How do I sign up?

To register for the course, or for more information, please get in touch with Kath Oates: kathoates2022@virginmedia.com

***Please register with Kath by Thursday
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CHURCH MATTERS



ADDING VISION TO THE SOUND

After nearly two years working towards the upgrading of our audio-visual system, enough money has been raised for new sound equipment to be installed in the church during October. Nearly £50,000 so far has been raised from grant applications, church events and careful use of church funds and now the PCC has agreed to a direct appeal for the remaining £25,000.

This will pay for new screens and a projector that will be fully integrated with the audio system. The screens will include a single large screen at the front of the church which retracts nearly out of view when not in use and some small, TV-like screens to enable everyone to see clearly wherever they are sitting (see images).

GIVING MONTH

We have designated the period between **8th September and 13th October** (the date of our Harvest Festival) as "**Giving Month**" when all members of our congregation and others who support or attend St Andrew's in other ways are asked to consider what they can do to help us reach our target.

Putting this more directly, what can YOU do to help US achieve our aim? Here are some suggestions:

- Make a donation;
- Be sponsored for a fundraising activity - either as an individual or in a group;

- Offer a talent or service in return for donations e.g. cook a meal or provide hospitality, make a piece of equipment or a facility available



MAIN SCREEN WHEN IN USE AND, BELOW, RETRACTED



for hire.

There are lots of possibilities and remember, if you are a taxpayer, all donations can be gift aided, adding 25% to the value of your gift.

During the month, there will be updates on what has been planned and raised, so do keep us informed of what you are doing! We will also be launching a one-month, crowd funding appeal that we hope will be seen by many people locally as well as further afield - details will be

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CHURCH MATTERS

made available so you can tell all your friends!



EXAMPLE OF A SMALL SCREEN

Our aim is to improve church facilities so that we can further God's work among the local community. A better experience of worship and create more opportunities for local people to use our building for cultural and arts events - these outcomes will aid the development

of a bigger, broader and stronger society around the church. It will also help sustain St Andrew's as a much-loved place of Christian worship as well as a centre for other activities for years to come.

If you wish to donate a sum, you can either write a cheque payable to Hertford St Andrew PCC (sending or giving this to one of our Joint Treasurers, Judy & Nick Sharman) or transfer the money electronically to Hertford St Andrew PCC, Sort Code 20-20-37, Account Number 50715050. Please reference your payment with the words AV Appeal.

For more information, you can talk to Lesley or Julie (Churchwardens) or to me.

Chris Seward, Deputy Warden



**Saturday 12th October
1pm-6.30pm at St Andrew's Church**

Harvest Fest returns!

- * Real ales * Wines * Soft drinks *
- * Food * Live music *

We are looking forward to this year's Harvest Fest on Saturday, 12th October. A great range of beer, wine and soft drinks will be served along with fresh food available in the St Andrew's Centre. Live music will be played throughout the afternoon (see below) while special children's activities will keep younger visitors enthralled and occupied.

We look forward to seeing you either as a valued volunteer or a welcome visitor. Come and enjoy St Andrew's hospitality!

Programme of Music:

- 1.15-1.55pm: Why Not?
- 2.05-2.45pm: Nuala O'Halpin Trio
- 2.55-3.35pm: Peter Crossley
- 3.45-4.25pm: Sam Chaplin
- 4.35-5.15pm: Pat Crilly and Peter Crossley
- 5.25-5.55pm: Flare
- 6.05-6.30pm: Special Finale Item!

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Think about... Peter & Paul

Peter and Paul were Apostles and they preached God's message even though they were both put in prison, and ultimately died, for doing it. For Peter and Paul, things were very different to begin with and their lives show us how we can all be changed...

Peter was a fisherman (and was known as 'Simon' at first). He was once afraid to tell people that he was a friend of Jesus, but God changed him and then he told lots of people about Jesus. Peter is often pictured holding keys – this represents the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Paul used to be a tentmaker (and was known as 'Saul' at first). To begin with, he hurt Jesus' friends, but God changed him and then he loved Jesus and encouraged others to become Jesus' friends, too.

You can learn more about Peter and Paul by completing these puzzles...

Wordsearch

W	H	C	R	U	H	C	R	J	I
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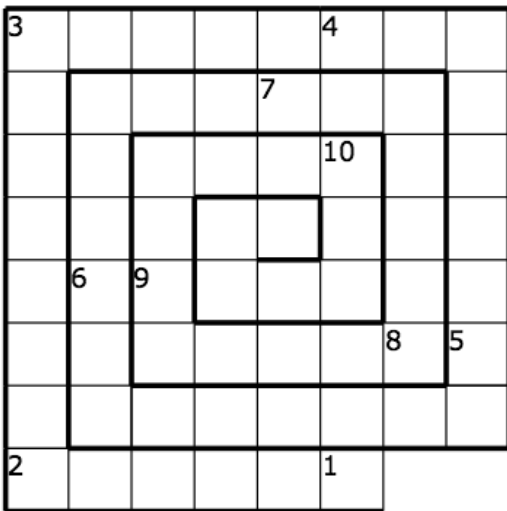
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- GATES
- KEYS

Word Spiral



Peter's Confession

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." *Mark 8: 29 (NIV)*



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| 1. The evil enemy of God and man | 6. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, for example |
| 2. To feel inferior or embarrassed about something | 7. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets |
| 3. The earth with all of its inhabitants | 8. The device upon which Jesus was crucified |
| 4. A community, or settlement of people, that is smaller than a town | 9. The entire thing; not divided |
| 5. The original twelve followers of Jesus | 10. One who speaks the will of God to the people |

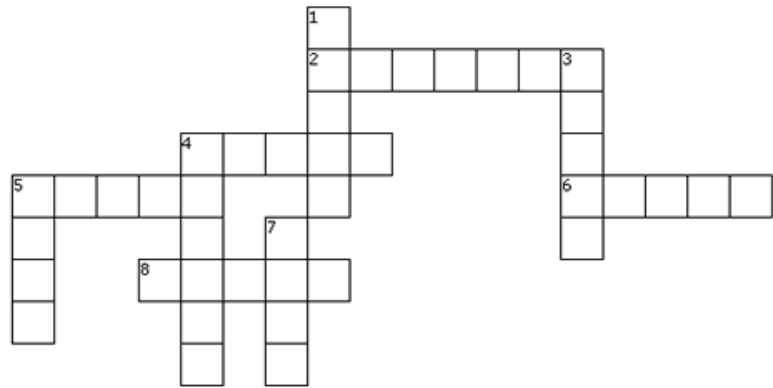
My Grace is



Crossword

Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you." *2 Corinthians 12: 8-9a*



ACROSS

2. To be without faults or defects
4. The evil enemy of God, the Devil
5. To brag about oneself
6. A sharp part on a bush that sticks into your skin
8. Strength or force

DOWN

1. To express oneself orally
3. Something which is proven to be a fact
4. To be physically powerful
5. The physical part of a person
7. To lack physical strength

boast	thorn	perfect	speak	strong
body	Satan	weak	power	truth

village	whole	Christ	cross	gospel
Satan	ashamed	world	disciples	prophet

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST ANDREW'S

WHAT TO EXPECT AT ST ANDREW'S

Children are equal members of any church congregation. At St Andrew's, we value greatly their contribution to worship and the life of the church community and believe we can learn much from their example.

Children are never too young to come to church. You and your children are very welcome at St Andrew's. We realise that bringing children, especially babies and toddlers, to church can be challenging to say the least, so we have set aside part of the church (the Children's Corner) at the front of church (to the right of the altar) which is equipped with toys, books, craft materials and a space to call their own. Here, even if they are occupied with a toy or book, children absorb the atmosphere of worship.

Junior Church

During the 10.30am Parish Communion on Sundays in term time, there are activities for children in the St Andrew's Centre. Every Sunday except during the All-Age Service (usually the second Sunday of the month), the children will begin the service with the congregation and then, after the first hymn, they leave to join Junior Church.

All-Age Services

These are monthly, shorter, child-friendly, interactive communion services with songs and prayers which are held once a month: usually but not always on the second Sunday of the month. Children stay in church for the whole of the service.

[There's more information on our website](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



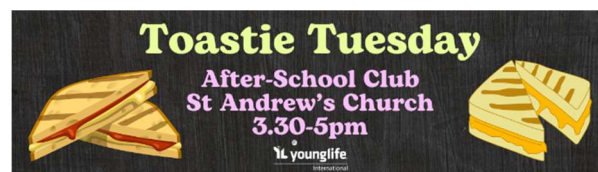
is St Andrew's Youth Group for secondary-age children.

In secondary school? Like playing daft games? Having a laugh? Eating? Curious about God, the Universe and everything in-between?

Brilliant, because so are we!

We meet usually on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4.30-6pm but in September it will be Sundays 8th & 22nd (*dates, times and venues may vary - please check the [calendar](#) on the church website or email John - see below*).

If you're not already receiving updates about TMM, please get in touch with John so he can keep you informed about what's happening week by week: johnwache@yahoo.com



For all young people in years 7 – 13, Tuesdays in term-time only, from 10th September

Grab a toastie with your favourite fillings and enjoy time with friends, fun games and activities, plus meaningful conversations about life, faith and more.

Any questions, please contact Bryan Fries: bfries@ylinternational.org 07846 549809

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OUR ENVIRONMENT: OUR FUTURE

Eco-fest comes to Hertford

With two weeks of sustainability events beginning on **Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September**

This year is the first eco-event organised by Hertford Town Council aimed at raising awareness about how we can all reduce our carbon footprint through small changes in what we do. The Council's main event will be on **Sunday 22nd September** in the Castle grounds.



Visitors will be able to enjoy a variety of fun activities, music and food and drinks stalls will feature alongside information and education around money saving ideas and carbon reduction. This event seeks to engage the whole town in a necessary and positive communal purpose.

ON SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER: Love to walk, talk or listen?

St Andrew's Church and All Saints' Church are supporting the Town Council's initiative with a series of talks and a walk on **Saturday 21st September** as shown in the two posters.

So, whether you want to sit and listen or get outside and find out more about Hertford in celebration of our environment, or a bit of both, there is plenty on offer for you.

At All Saints Church

The programme runs from 10am to 4pm and visitors can stay for the day or drop in from time to time as best suits them.

What's it about?

Through illustrated talks, presentations, stalls and displays, the wonderful wildlife areas in easy reach of Hertford will be celebrated.

Hertford Eco Walk

Join us for a walk, as part of Hertford Council's Eco Fest!

Saturday 21st September 2024



Start: 11.15 All Saints Church entrance (what3words: grape.forget.focus) or 11.30 at the Evolution sculpture, Hartham Common near the skate park (what3words: apple.lace.before).

End: 15.00 (latest) at All Saints church.

Length of walk: Maximum of 5.5 miles.

Aim of the walk: We will talk about how our history has shaped our rivers, the wildlife and their habitats. We will stop occasionally to read a poem or for you to ask questions and for lunch.

Terrain and footwear: Mainly gravel paths with some uneven areas across grass land. One small stile. Trainers or walking shoes.

What to bring: Your favourite short poem or quote about the environment. Your lunch. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.



Further information:

- If you would like to join us earlier for inspiring environmental talks by the 2 walk leaders (Dr. Jenny Mant and Tim Hagyard) at 10am at All Saints Church as part of a series of eco talks throughout the day.
- Teas, coffees and cakes available at All Saints before and after the walk.
- If you have any further questions, please email jennymant@me.com

This walk is part of Hertford Council's Eco-Fest celebrations. The main event will be held in the castle grounds on the 22nd September 2024.

Note: All attending do so at their own risk and responsible for their own safekeeping.

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The day will promote an awareness of just how much our wildlife means to our wellbeing, and will also consider other aids to wellbeing.

There will also be suggestions of how to live more sustainably and to protect the environment, taking into account the ravages of climate change, but finding ways to point to hope for the future. Through a panel discussion of climate change, the wider issues will also be considered.

What is happening?

TALKS

These will take place in church.

10am Jenny Mant and Tim Hagyard: some good news and walking chalk rivers: followed by the guided walk described on the previous page.

11.15am Rowan Byrne: the conservation of marine species and habitats.

12.30 John Cherry: the benefits of soil health for our plant health onto animal health, human health and planetary health.

1.30pm John Byrne: poetry relating to environment, climate and hope.

2pm Donato Cinicolo: REPAIRING & CONSERVATION: A journey of discovery.

3pm Panel Discussion chaired by Tim Hill, Conservation Manager, Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Event Manager of the Herts Bird Club.

STALLS & DISPLAYS will explore many aspects of environment, climate and hope.

All Saints Welcomes Everyone



Environment Day

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024
10.00am to 4.00pm



A full programme of Informative Talks, Interesting Displays, Stalls and a Panel Discussion to end the day.

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NEWS FROM SCHOOL

*Let your light
shine*
-Matthew 5:16



*Love learning
Aim high
Trust God*

Herford St Andrew C of E Primary School

GENERAL ELECTION

On General Election day our children learned how to exercise their democratic right to vote. The hall became our Polling Station and our School Councillors oversaw the voting. We voted for the Superhero we thought would be the best to help our school. The votes were counted and verified and the winner was... Supertato!



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Huge congratulations to all our Year 6 children who took part in an Ultimate Frisbee tournament and learned a new sport in less than a day.

As well as their excellent sporting behaviour, our children came 3rd out of 16 schools!

Well done to our BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS!

SING UP!

We took part in a national Sing Up day – and joined our voices with children all over the country – a wonderful shared singing experience.

Well done children: sometimes we can hear you light shining instead of seeing it.

CELEBRATION OF SUMMER

In July our children shared their musical learning in a celebration of summer. Getting up on stage to sing is very scary indeed! Our children all managed their stage fright and really let their light shine. We enjoyed summery songs and a special performance by Ash of their own Rainforest soundscape. Special congratulations to our choir and our soloists: Mia, Darcy, Taliyah, Ana and Aria.

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ALAN & HIS ART

40 DAYS – an exhibition of drawings at St Mary's Hertingfordbury in July



Rev Alan had a very successful and enjoyable exhibition of his art, or more specifically his drawings, at St Mary's over a weekend in July. Friday evening was open to family, friends and the local community. Saturday was open to all with a glass of wine and canapes enjoyed as we studied the wide range of drawings. On the Sunday people could drop in to appreciate his work in the lovely tranquil setting of St Mary's.

So what is art to Alan?

Alan has always drawn pictures. When his mum owned a fish and chip shop, he'd draw endlessly on the paper she served the fish and chips in. Following a Foundation Course at Belfast Art College in 1987, it was a toss-up for Alan whether to pursue his studies in fine art or fashion. He chose fashion thinking it would provide better employment prospects and went to study Fashion and Textiles at Central St Martin's College of Art in London. His career may have moved from fashion to the priesthood but he has continued to draw and paint. He has exhibited his work at the London School of Theology and St Saviour's Church in Knightsbridge as well as St Mary's Hertingfordbury! He works in most media but enjoys charcoal, pastel and ink the best and has now transformed one of the rooms at the Rectory into a studio.

During the exhibition Alan sold over forty pieces and several prints which consisted of charcoal drawings of animals, abstract pieces and a few semi-abstract portraits and landscapes.

But why 40 Days? *"During Lent this year, I set myself the goal of creating a drawing every day, hence the title of the exhibition '40 Days'. I wanted to loosen up my style of drawing which had become tight and controlled and to experiment with abstract art. However, I often return to Biblical themes. Something comes alive in me when I make art"* explained Alan. Thank you and God bless Alan

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UNLOCKING FREEDOM

Slavery is something we read about in the Bible (the Israelites in Egypt, for example) or learn about at school when we study Victorian history. Slavery belongs to the past. Or does it? In a lunchtime presentation at St Andrew's last month, Ashleigh Gibb explained the reality of slavery in the 21st century and told us about the work of a London-based charity called Ella's. Forbes Mutch reports.



It's hard to imagine, but an estimated 50 million people around the world today are trapped in modern slavery, often in a form known as 'human trafficking'. This is when victims have been forced to leave home and manipulated into working for the profit of others, usually in abusive situations involving the use of violence, threats or coercion. Modern slaves are held captive for purposes such as forced prostitution, labour, servitude, crime or forced marriage. Nearly 80% of people trafficked today are women and children; over six million are being exploited in the sex trade worldwide.

One in every five women in the UK will experience violence during their lifetime. Globally, this number rises to one in four. In 2023, slightly more than 17,000 victims of modern slavery were referred to the UK authorities.

The effect of slavery on women is devastating. They face multiple barriers to recovery and long-term safety and, without the right support, survivors are

extremely vulnerable to the prospect of falling backwards into the danger they have left.

Ashleigh explains that this is where charities such as London-based *Ella's* can help. She has been working as a Survivor Development and Community Coordinator at *Ella's* since returning to the UK last January after a period of research and study in California. During her illustrated talk at St Andrew's, she says that *Ella's* exists to address the dangerous gap in the official care system and provide survivors of trafficking and exploitation with a real chance to recover and stay free.

The charity was launched in 2014 by Emily Chalke and was named after a victim of trafficking called Ella, who was known to Emily. Ella had been exploited since childhood, and then trafficked from her home country to Thailand and later to London. She had been trapped in the sex trade for years. *Ella's* opened its first safe house in 2016 and became an independent charity in 2020.

Ashleigh explains that the women they work with are among the most vulnerable in the UK. 'They have experienced layered abuse over time starting in childhood. As a result, their needs are complex, and they face multiple barriers to building a safe life.'

The charity now runs three safe houses and provides regular support for more than 60 women and 50 children a year in neighbourhoods across London. The ages of these women range from early 20s to late 60s. The majority are aged 26 to 35.

Ashleigh says that the charity's casework is tailored to the needs of the individual. 'We work with each woman to form a →

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recovery plan and work closely in collaboration with others,' she says. 'Casework support at Ella's typically includes help with medical care; emotional support, education and skills training, finding employment and accommodation, immigration and legal support, bringing abusers to justice, building confidence and life skills and helping with community integration.'

The overall goal of the charity is to make sure that survivors of trafficking and exploitation have all they need to recover and build lives that are safe and free.

Ella's can only scratch the surface of the problem facing the hundreds of victims of modern slavery in the UK today, but it makes a difference. Ashleigh has now returned to San Diego, California to



Ella's charity helps over 100 women and children a year recover from a life of modern slavery in the UK.

resume her studies but continues to campaign for justice in this field. She says that *Ella's* needs your support and anyone who is interested in learning more can be contacted through its website: <https://www.ellas.org.uk>

HERTFORD WELLBEING CHURCH

is a ministry group that seeks to provide a community for young people in Hertfordshire, helping to disciple them, as well as shining a light on those who do not yet know Christ. Jim Thornton gives an update:



In order to make sure that our Bible Study Sessions are interesting, educational, and relevant for people who follow Jesus, we have placed a strong emphasis on discipleship this year by testing fruitful Bible Study techniques for our 18-25 age group. In a more relaxed atmosphere, our Emmaus Meal has also flourished, strengthening ties among our core group.

We want to be more proactive in our evangelism, bringing up important topics related to Hertford and reaching a wider audience online. We also intend to invest more in our game night, which is becoming more and more popular. While preserving its central game premise, we intend to go beyond gaming to create a lively social environment."

The football team led by Reiss, now called Lovin Jesus, came joint top of Division 1 in the Hertford Area Leisure League. Reiss has just completed his second year of a Sports Ministry degree at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, and it has been an interesting assignment to be his Supervisor; the Review discussions we have with Fiona Green, the Vice-Principal and Dean of Ministry Students are always fascinating and wide-ranging. At the Emmaus Meal Reiss mentions, they have been working through C S Lewis's Mere Christianity.

We would value prayer for the Weekend away 6th-9th September when about 25 are going to Sherwood Forest to do Go-Ape, and generally chill out together.

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OUTREACH: THE MALAWI PROJECT

St Lawrence Church Abbots Langley has been supporting St Luke's Hospital, Malosa since 2010. Here's some of the story: "The hospital is in a small village in southern Malawi, and as well as functioning as one of the main hospitals in the area, it also boasts an impressive primary health care department, providing outreach projects and nurseries to the outlying villages.

What started as a modest contribution to the hospital (about £250 per year) has now developed into a firm and lasting relationship with St Luke's Hospital and the community of Malosa.

In 2012, along with St Luke's Church in Watford, we raised £32,000 to build a new maternity unit in one of the Hospital's outlying clinics.

Our link with Malosa, Malawi has continued to be with the St Luke's Hospital and much of our fundraising and support goes to the hospital. However we have also established firm links with Malosa Secondary School and the Chichewa Training Centre."

Malawi remains one of the poorest countries in the world according to its GDP with an economy heavily dependent on agriculture where 80% of the



population are working at subsistence level. The unpredictability of rainfall causes crops to fail leading to famine and malnutrition. With a population of 21 million, 1.5 million have Aids/HIV. Malaria and TB are rife and there is still a high rate of infant mortality.

In addition to the maternity unit, support from St Lawrence has provided a clean water supply. On the recent visit the team rebuilt the men's toilet and shower area. The team also visited the nurseries to see how the funds and resources were being used with the children. In the school they have helped to establish training in tailoring with the use of treadle sewing machines enabling young people to gain skills and employment.

St Andrew's congregation has stepped up to the challenge of helping to support this worthy cause by donating things to be sent in a container. We have already sent a wheelchair, 5

Zimmer frames and 4 sets of crutches plus numerous bandages, incontinence pads, masks and hand sanitizer, PPE and a blood pressure monitor. The next batch to send over before the container leaves is full of colouring pencils, biros, pencil sharpeners and rubbers. We also have
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ITEMS FOR MALAWI CONTAINER 2024

St Andrew's is collecting items to support an Appeal by St Lawrence Abbotts Langley. They are sending donations on a container lorry to Malawi in September.

Please donate what you can from the items listed here before Monday 9 September – bring them to St Andrew's labelled "Malawi Appeal" or speak to Rosemary Willis. Thank you!

Items for Malawi

Nurseries and Primary Schools:

- Children's clothes 0-6 years old, including knitted jumpers, hats, booties.
- Colouring pencils, chalks, lead pencils, pens and paper.

School:

- Footballs, volleyballs, table tennis balls and nets, assorted kitchen utensils, chess and board games.
- Pencils and pencil sharpeners, erasers, stationery.
- Mathematics equipment... calculators, rulers, compasses, protractors etc.
- English grammar textbooks,
- English and French dictionaries
- Assorted clothes and trainers for needy pupils
- Good News Bibles





marked "Malawi Appeal" or I can collect it from you.

If in doubt please do get in touch with me: Rosemarywillis77@hotmail.com or phone me on 07713 139650.

Rosemary Willis

French and English text books and some dictionaries. Thank you so much for your support for the people of Malosa. I am sure they will be very grateful.

I plan to go over to Abbots Langley one more time before they pack the container. This may be in the week beginning 8th September or thereabouts, if you have any more items such as English or French text books, French or English dictionaries, reels of cotton thread, board games such as chess and draughts or others. This is not an exclusive list. Please see the lists on this page. Please deliver to St Andrew's Church anything you can, 


Items for Malawi continued...

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Hospital:

- Crutches
- **Wheelchairs (these are in great demand)**
- Equipment for physiotherapy, blankets, blood pressure monitors, blood pressure machines, glucometres
- Reels of cotton thread, bandages of all varieties, plasters, cotton wool, PPE (masks, disposable gloves)



FURTHER ITEMS have been requested...

School:

- Scientific calculators
- Pencils H1, H2, H3 (50 of each)
- Tablecloths (large)
- Measuring cups
- Non-stick pans
- Serving spoons
- Pressure cooker
- Food processor
- Juice maker
- Portable electric hand drill

Find out more about The Malawi Project run by St Lawrence Abbotts Langley... Leaflets are available at the back of St Andrew's Church or visit their website:

www.abbotslangley.org.uk/malawi

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LATIN LINK & ANGEL TREE CENTRE

Jenny Aitken brings us an update from Julie Noble in Oruro, Bolivia on life in the country and her work at the Angel Tree Centre.

Julie Noble is part of the Latin Link American mission. Latin Link is charity registered in England and an international community with a calling to love and serve God and our neighbour. Most members of Latin Link work in Latin American countries while some work with Latin Americans in other parts of the world. 'Angel Tree Centre works with prisoners' children and families.



Julie Noble was on leave in England in May and June. She is now back in Oruro, Bolivia and working as hard as ever.

She writes, 'Since returning to Bolivia, the main event has been the pantomimic occurrence on 26th June. Around twenty people were arrested for their part in what, according to the government was an attempted coup organised by an army General. Descriptions like sham, staged, stunt, self-coup, and farce abound. Whatever the truth, no one expects it to be revealed. However, the economic situation here is deteriorating, gas exports are declining, there are fuel shortages and food costs are rising. The Presidential election is next year!

Meanwhile at the Renacer Young Offender Centre where I work, there have now been eight administrators since the beginning of the year thus little continuity. A boy escaped through the front door a couple of weeks ago so another educator was suspended.

Today there were over ninety young people detained with the latest group, *jucos* (mineral stealers) housed in the only classroom. We have just been assigned new individual cases for this semester. I have four drug cases as well

as the rape case from last semester I am still working with. We were able to hold restorative conferences in two incest cases and family group meetings with a number of the boys and their families.

The Angel Tree Centre where we care for the children of prisoners reopened on 24th July after the winter vacation. We now have several students from the German School assisting us with the children's activities. The Centre celebrated its 18th anniversary at the beginning of May and we spent time reflecting on God's faithfulness to us during this time.'

At the end of Julie's letter she sent her sincere thanks for St Andrew's support and prayers.

Junior Church

Fun, friendship and following Jesus

Help needed!

We're looking for volunteers to join our wonderful team who help lead Junior Church during the 10.30am service. It's an incredible opportunity to inspire and learn from our young people. Commitment would be no more than once a month. Please talk to Rev Alan to find out more.

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Services at St Andrew's

September 2024



To attend a Zoom service please email the Parish Office at:- standrew.hertford@btinternet.com

	Date	Time	Service	Celebrant	Preacher
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 14</i>	1	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion	Rev Alan Stewart	Melanie Seward
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Kath Oates	Melanie Seward
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	2	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	4	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	5	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Holy Communion at Calton Court	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 15</i>	8	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Bill Church	
		10.30 am	All Age Service	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Communion Service on Zoom	Rev Bill Church	
		7.00 pm	Soul Food		
Monday	9	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	11	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Bill Church	
Thursday	12	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 16</i>	15	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion + Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Nick Hoyle	Rev Alan Stewart
Monday	16	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	18	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	19	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Holy Communion at Calton Court	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 17</i>	22	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Bill Church	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion + Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Maria Henriksson-Bell
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Kath Oates	Forbes Mutch
		3.00 pm	Pet Service St Mary's Hertingfordbury	Rev Alan Stewart	
		6.30 pm	Evensong St Mary's Hertingfordbury	Rev Bill Church	
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	23	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	25	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Bill Church	
Thursday	26	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
<i>Trinity 18</i> <i>Michael & All Angels</i>	29	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion + Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Geoff Oates
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Nick Hoyle	Geoff Oates
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	