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

Children and Families

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

Junior Church meets every Sunday in term time except during the All-Age Service. Back on 15 September. Toastie Tuesday After-School Club For Secondary School Years. In St Andrew's Church, Tues in term time from 3.30-5.00pm. Back on 10 September.

TMM Youth Group

For School Years 7+. Usually on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month, 4.30-6.00pm. *Back on 8 & 22 September.* 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** Alternatively, you can speak to

Alternatively, you can speak to our Joint Treasurers, Judy & Nick Sharman, or our Chair of Finance Committee, Chris Seward.



25 August 2024 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: Rev. Bill Church

10.30am Holy Communion

Prayer Ministry is offered during the service – please see small booklet in church for more details Celebrant: Rev: Bill Church Preacher: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader First Reading: Ephesians 6. 10-20 (Richard Taylor) Gospel: John 6. 56-69 Intercessions: Rod Willis Chalice: Charles Ledsam Debbie Ledsam, Peter Ruffles

Hymns

- 612 Tell out, my soul
 - 64 Be thou my vision
- 135 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
- 362 Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts
- 403 Lord for the years

6.30pm Evening Prayer (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:** Geoff Oates, Lay Reader (recorded) *Zoom links are emailed and on our website*

[Compline returns on 1 September]

Collect and Readings

Collect: Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Ephesians 6. 10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. *For the Word of the Lord*, **Thanks be to God**

Gospel: John 6. 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you O Christ**

News and Notices

Soul Food, Sunday 8 September, 7.00pm in the St Andrew's Centre 'Reasons to be fearful' What helps us deal with our fears? Café-style service with songs, prayers and discussion led by Claire Goodman.

Good quality second-hand books needed

Do you have any books that are in good condition and that you no longer need? Please consider donating them for the bookstall at our September Coffee Morning. Books can be left at the back of the church labelled 'Coffee Morning'.

> Thank you! Rosemary Willis



AUDIO-VISUAL UPGRADE & ECO-CHURCH ACTIVITIES www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk Many of our regular activities and services are back soon: Compline 1 Sept; Toddler Group 5 Sept Breathe 7 Sept; TMM 8 Sept Soul Food 8 Sept; Toastie Tuesday 10 Sept Mindfulness & Meditation 11 Sept Junior Church 15 Sept



The Romans Course

Tuesday evenings at St Mary's Hertingfordbury, from Sept-Nov

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

We'll meet every Tuesday evening from 10 Sept through to 19 Nov (except 15 Oct) 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 5 September





Sunday 8 September

At our September 10.30am All-Age Service we will be welcoming our new Children & Families Worker, Lindsey Betteridge, and commissioning our youth and children's work. We invite all those who are involved with Junior Church, Toastie Tuesday, Toddler Group and TMM to be there.

Please pray for:

Robert Ramsay, Jean Walls, Hilary Mason, Pauline Rhodes, Nancy, Paul, Paul Roe, Debbie Hartnett, Dino, Phoebe, Anthony Collinson, Oliver Clark, Gordon, Trevor, Jan Woodland **Rest in Peace:** Christine Morris, Debbie Garrod **Year's Mind:** Madeline Creese, Ron Barton, Andrew Davies, Winifred Kemp

St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

Monday 26 8.00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel Wednesday 28 10.30am Holy Communion Rev. Bill Church 12noon Funeral of Christine Morris Thursday 29 8.00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel Sunday 1 September 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart 10.30am Holy Communion Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart Preacher: Melanie Seward, Lay Reader 10.30am Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship Sermon: Melanie Seward, Lay Reader (recorded) 7.00pm Compline on ZOOM Rev. Alan Stewart

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