

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



Holy Innocents, Christmas 1 and Christmas 2, The Epiphany

28 December 2025

Holy Innocents, Christmas 1

10am Parish Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 31.15-17 *Return of the exiles*

1 Corinthians 1.26-29 *The wisdom of God*

Matthew 2.13-18 the escape to Egypt

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives, frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Monday 29 December 1pm Funeral of Joyce Carr RIP

North Herts Crematorium

Thursday 1 January No Service or coffee.

3:30pm Quarter bell peal Saturday 3 January 10am -12 noon Coffee Shop

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4 January 2026

Christmas 2, The Epiphany

8am Holy Communion Order II

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6

The ingathering of the dispersed

Matthew 2.1-12 the visit of the wise men

Collect: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

10am All Together Communion

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Thursday 8 January

9:30am Holy Communion

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Saturday 10 January

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Warm Spaces

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Requesting our Prayers: Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, Liz Lavelle, Tim Robb, Charles Rutt, Marcus Smith, Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett. We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit, Cory Sherry, Maureen Wade

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Joyce Carr, Martin John Smith. For families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life. We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time:

Jo Gurney (29th), Winifred Drakes (31st), David Huckle (4th), Bernard Gurney (6th), Sylvia Rutt (6th), Molly Whitelaw (6th), Ivy Dilley (10th)

Mafambisa: We remember the people of our partner community of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the caregivers and all who support them. By name this week we pray for care-worker: Lucia and children: Lindiwi, Rebecca, Glen, Lisa, Gugu, Lifa, Siyamthantha,

Open Church

There will be no open church from lunchtime
Christmas Day until Saturday 27 December and
again from lunchtime Sunday 28 December until
Friday 2 January. There will be no coffee shop nor
warm spaces during that time. Coffee shop will be
open again from 3 January. *Churchwardens*Warm Spaces will be available in the Chapter
House on Saturdays from 10am till 12noon and
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am, from 8 January.
Nettie Van de Weerd

Used Stamps for St John's Hospice

Please remember to save any stamps from the Christmas cards you receive. Please cut around them and bring them to the back of the church where there is a collection box. It seems a small thing to do as regards fund-raising, but St John's are please to receive them.

St John's Hospice wished me to thank all at St Andrew's for the continued support.

Gill Hibbert

Food Bank

Please don't forget the food bank over Christmas and the New Year. Many families will be struggling over the festive period so food/hygiene/cleaning products all welcome.

Anna Rutt and Maggie McLoughlan

Future Dates

Sunday 11 January 6pm Sunday @6

Tuesday 13 January 7:30pm Standing Committee

Tuesday 27 January 7:30pm PCC Meeting

Sunday 1 February 3pm Christingle Service

Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve, Holy Spirit make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage, for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen

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