

### Notices:

- ❖ Every service is a "Family Service". Children of all ages are welcome and will have something to help us out with if they want to. Carrying the cross, the offering plate round, even giving us lovely sounds of baby chatter (it's not crying to us). There is a children's corner too.
- ❖ Baptism does not have to wait, kindly contact us to fix a date.

### In Our Community: News & Events.

#### **St Cecilia's**

The repairs to the Church roof and internal wall have now been completed. Thank you to all those who gave so generously to our Roof fund.

**Afternoon tea** on the first Sunday every month, 3 - 5 pm at Albury Village Hall.

**Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group** meets on **Tuesdays** in term time 9.30- 11.30 in Much Hadham Village Hall.

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**Sunday 15 December 2024**

**Advent 3**

**@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham.**

**The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham  
& Much Hadham.**

**We Are Living God's Love.**

*Our Church is for more than  
"hatched, matched, dispatched & jingle bells".  
It is our history, handed over to us by our  
grandparents for our grandchildren.  
Keep it alive. Attend & support your church.*

Bank details:

Little Hadham Parochial Church Council  
Sort code: 20-36-98  
A/C No. 80588806



**Rev. June Knight will be leading us in worship today. Please stay for tea / coffee & catching up after the service.**

### Looking Ahead: December into January

**Sunday 15 December 2024. 6 pm**

Shared Carol Service  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 22 December 2024 9:15 am**

Family Carol Service  
@ St Mary's Albury

**Saturday 24 December 2024 Christmas Eve**

**4:30 pm:** The Big Nativity  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham  
**6 pm:** Christingle Service  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Sunday 25 December 2024 Christmas Day 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 29 December 2024 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Sunday 5 January 2025 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Mary's Albury

**Sunday 12 January 2025 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Our Hymns for this service are:**

**Opening:** CP502 (1-3) Lights Abode Celestial Salem.

**Gradual:** CP26 Hark A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding.

**Offertory:** CP29. Hills Of The North Rejoice

**Closing:** CP563. Rejoice The Lord Is King

**We Pray The Collect Together:**

**God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Philippians 4. 4 – 7**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 146. 4 – End**

<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>5</sup> **Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;**

<sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.

<sup>7</sup> **The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;

<sup>9</sup> **The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.**

<sup>10</sup> The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

**The Holy Gospel Luke 3. 7 - 18**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, You brood of vipers! Who warned

you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our ancestor; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, what then should we do? <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise. <sup>12</sup> Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, Teacher, what should we do? <sup>13</sup> He said to them, collect no more than the amount prescribed for you. <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, and we, what should we do? He said to them, do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages. <sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. <sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Lord.**

**Post Communion Prayer.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**Please Keep In Our Prayers:**



Stuart Sagers  
Peter Radley  
Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley  
David Stroud

**And the bereaved families of:**

Michael Welbourne                      Michael French,  
Malcolm Rosborough

Please bring to our notices, those who need our prayers.

**Please send your hymns for  
Advent and Christmas seasons.**