

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 22 December 2024

Advent 4

@ St Mary's Albury

**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:

Albury Parochial Church Council

Sort code: 20-36-98 Account No. 00106887

Rev. Tayo Wale-Falope will be leading us in worship today. Please stay for tea / coffee & catching up after the service.

Looking Ahead: December into January

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

Sunday 19 January 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Don't forget to spread the word about Christmas Services to your friends and neighbours. See the Christmas poster, the website or Facebook page for details.

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP63 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Gradual: CP45 Away In A Manger.

Offertory: CP69 Silent Night

Closing: CP57 Joy To The World

We Pray The Collect Together:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We Listen To God's Word

Hebrews 10.5–10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, See, God, I have come to do your will, O God (in the scroll of the book it is written of me). ⁸ When he said above, You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, See, I have come to do your will. He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by Gods will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 80.1–8

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;

² **Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

³ Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.

⁴ **Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

⁵ O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your peoples prayer?

⁶ **You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.**

⁷ You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁸ **Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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 1.39–45 46–55

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Marys greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. ⁴⁶ And Mary said, my soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

Post Communion Prayer.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
Peter Radley
Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley
David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

Michael French

Malcolm Rosborough

Please bring to our notices, those who we need to keep in our prayers.