

Notices & Community News.

Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church meeting dates:

Little Hadham – Sunday 19 April at 10:45 am
Albury – Sunday 3 May at 10:45 am
Much Hadham – Thursday 7 May at 7:45 pm for 8 pm

Afternoon Tea:

First Sunday Monthly, 3-5pm Albury Village Hall.

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group:

Tuesdays (term time) 9:30-11:30, Much Hadham Village Hall.

In Loving Memory: Email the office to include a loved one in their anniversary month.

Baptism: Contact us to arrange a date.

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Sort code: 20-36-98

Account number: 00106887

Little Hadham Parochial Church Council

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Much Hadham Parochial Church Council

(Registered Charity No. 1152748)

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Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 12 April 2026

Easter 2

St Andrew's Much Hadham

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

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Mark Rodel



There is a hearing loop system in place

Sunday 19 April, 9:15 am – Easter 3

Benefice Holy Communion
St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Thursday 23 April, 10 am

Benefice Midweek Communion
St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Sunday 26 April, 9:15 am Easter 4

Benefice Holy Communion
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sunday 3 May 2026, 9:15 am – Easter 5

Benefice Holy Communion
St Mary's Albury
5-5:30 pm

Benefice Evening Worship
St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 10 May, 9:15 am Easter 6

Benefice Holy Communion
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

We hold before God:



David Stroud Joanne Luxford
John Elton-Barratt

And the bereaved families of:

Sue Knight Peter Izzard
Myles Stephens Stuart Sagers
Gillian Clinch

In loving memory (April):

Sindara T Wale-Falope 9 April
Anthony Dillon 25 April

*We remember with love those who are no longer
with us.*

Welcome!

*If you are visiting today, you are very welcome.
Please join us for refreshments after the service.*

Today's Hymns

Opening: A&M 207 Jesus Lives Thy Terrors Now
Gradual: A&M 613 City of God, How Broad & Far
Offertory: A&M 194 Alleluia Alleluia Hearts of
Closing: A&M 678 In Christ Alone

The Collect (said together)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Benefice Prayer (said together)

Almighty God, who calls us with Andrew to come and see your Son: give us hearts like Mary to magnify the Lord, faith like Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God," and joy like Cecilia to sing to you a new song; that our churches of St Andrew, St Mary, St Thomas and St Cecilia may proclaim your love and faithfully serve our communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Psalm 16 (Please join in the bold text)

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'

² **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble in heart.**

³ Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

⁴ **The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.**

⁵ My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

⁶ **I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**

⁷ I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

⁸ **Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure.**

⁹ For you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

¹⁰ **You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

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

1 Peter 1.3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is

imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 20.19-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ