

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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Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
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Sunday 5 April 2026.

Easter Day

St Mary's Albury

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

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Tayo Wale-Falope

Our Next Services

Tonight, 5-5:30 pm

Evening Worship - St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sunday 12 April, 9:15 am Easter 2

Benefice Holy Communion
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

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

We hold before God:



David Stroud Joanne Luxford
John Elton-Barratt

And the bereaved families of:

Sue Knight Peter Izzard
Myles Stephens Stuart Saggars
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: CP 147 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Gradual: CP 145 Good Christians All Rejoice & Sing
Offertory: CP 157 The Day of Resurrection
Closing: CP 160 Thine Be The Glory

The Collect (said together)

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 118.14-24 (Please join in the bold text)

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:**

¹⁶ 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is

right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 28.1-10

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.