

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.

Email Tayo for **Home Communion Service** on Sundays.

In Our Community: News & Events

In loving memory

If you have someone you would like remembered on the pew sheet during December, please email details to the office: muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

'Getting to know you' forms

If you haven't already done so, please remember to complete and return the "Getting to know you" forms. Thank you.

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.

Remember you can keep up to date with upcoming events on the River Ash Churches website and Facebook page.

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Sunday 14 December 2025

Advent 3 (Proper 32)

@ St Andrew's Much 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:

*Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
(Registered Charity no. 1152748)
Sort code: 20-36-98 A/C No. 20000078*



Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale Falope

Looking Ahead: December

TONIGHT 6 pm

Carol Service
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 21 December 2025

9:15 am Advent 4

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

6 pm

Shared Carol Service
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham & Holy Cross

Wednesday 24 December 2025

4:30 pm

The Big Nativity
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

6 pm

Christingle Service
@ 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.

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
Joanne Luxford

David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

Peter Radley Barry Brett Claire Titcomb

*Peter Radley's funeral will be at St Mary's on Friday
19 December at 11:30 am. All Welcome.*

In loving memory (December):

Brian Waples 1 December 1993

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: A&M 51 The Lord Will Come

Gradual: A&M 39 Hills of the North

Offertory: A&M 816 Thy Kingdom Come O God

Closing: A&M 41 Lo He Comes

We Pray The Collect Together:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We Listen To God's Word

Psalms 146.4-10

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

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

⁶ Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.

⁷ **The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;**

⁸ The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;

⁹ **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.**

¹⁰ 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

James 5.7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.2-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?' ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

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.

