

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 January, please email details to the office: muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

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 28 December 2025

Christmas 1

@ 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: January

Sunday 4 January 2026

9:15 am Epiphany

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury

5-5:30 pm

Benefice Evening Worship
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 11 January 2026

9:15 am Baptism of Christ

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 18 January 2026

9:15 am Epiphany 2

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Thursday 22 January 2026

10 am

Mid-week communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 25 January 2026

9:15 am Epiphany 3/Conversion of Paul

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
Joanne Luxford

David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

Peter Radley Barry Brett Claire Titcomb

In loving memory (December):

Brian Waples 1 December 1993

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: A&M 715 Lord For The Years

Gradual: A&M 72 Joy To The World

Offertory: A&M 86 The first Noel

Closing: A&M 650 Great is Thy Faithfulness

We Pray The Collect Together:

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Psalms 124

¹ If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say;

² If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

³ Then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger burned against us;

⁴ Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul; over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

⁵ But blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁶ Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken and we are delivered.

⁷ Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

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 Corinthians 1.26-29

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.13-18

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

