

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

Toy collection

We will be collecting toys for distribution to children who would otherwise go without Christmas presents. If you would like to donate anything, please leave toys in St Mary's or St Cecilia prior to Friday 12 December or bring to the service in St Andrew's on the 14 December. The toys need to be new or nearly new, please, and in good condition. 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.

Benefice Contact Details

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St Andrew's Much Hadham. Post Code: SG10 6DH

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Our Priest-in-Charge:

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Sunday 7 December 2025

Advent 2 (Proper 31)

@ 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

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd June Knight

Looking Ahead: December

TONIGHT 5-5:30 pm

Benefice Evensong
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 14 December 2025

9:15 am Advent 3

Benefice Holy Communion with toy
collection

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

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

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: CP66 Once in Royal David's City

Gradual: CP362 Tell out my Soul

Offertory: CP444 God is working His purpose out

Closing: CP63 O Little town of Bethlehem

We Pray The Collect Together:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

We Listen To God's Word

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1–12

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2026 Worship Pattern

1st Sundays of the month

@ 9:15 am

St Mary's Albury

Church postcode: SG11 2HR

@ 5 – 5:30 pm

St Andrew's Much Hadham

Evening Worship

Church postcode: SG10 6DH

2nd Sundays of the month

@ 9:15 am

St Andrew's Much Hadham

Church postcode: SG10 6DH

3rd Sundays of the month

@ 9:15 am

St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Church postcode: SG11 2DY

4th Sundays of the month

@ 9:15 am

St Andrew's Much Hadham

Church postcode: SG10 6DH

5th Sundays of the month

@ 9:15 am

St Thomas' Perry Green

Church postcode: SG10 6DU

4th Thursdays of the month

@ 10 am

St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Mid-week Communion

Church postcode: SG11 2DY
