

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.

In Our Community: News & Events

Compline Workshop 22 February St Andrew's

Compline is a service of quietness and reflection which marks the end of the day. It begins at 6 pm but refreshments will be available from 5:15 pm. More details available on the website calendar.

Lent Course

St Andrew's and Holy Cross will re run (on Zoom) Michael McAdam's Lent course each morning (except Sundays) in Lent, starting on 5 March (Ash Wednesday) and finishing on 17 April (Maundy Thursday). More details on 'NOTICES' page of the website.

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Sunday 16 February 2025

3 Before Lent (Proper 2)

@ 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

Revd Tayo Wale-Falope will be leading us in worship today. Please stay for refreshments & catching up after the service.

Looking Ahead: February into March

Sunday 23 February 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion with Archdeacon Janet
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Thursday 27 February 2025 10:00 am

Mid-Week Holy Communion CANCELLED
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 2 March 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025 7:30 pm

Holy Communion + Imposition of Ashes
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 9 March 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury

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.

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers

Peter Radley

Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley

David Stroud

Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

John Webb

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP563 Rejoice The Lord Is King

Gradual: CP390 Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine

Offertory: CP604 Through All The Changing Scenes

Closing: CP583 Teach Me, My God and King

We Pray The Collect Together:

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.**

³ Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

⁴ **As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

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 15.12–20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ-whom he did not raise if it is

true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6.17–26

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.