

## 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 February, please email details to the office: [muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com](mailto: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 8 February 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent**

**@ 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: February**

**Sunday 15 February 2026**

**9:15 am Sunday next before Lent**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Wednesday 18 February 2026**

**7:30 pm Ash Wednesday**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 22 February 2026**

**9:15 am Lent 1**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Thursday 26 February 2026**

**10 am**

Mid-week communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

## **Please Keep In Our Prayers:**



Stuart Sagers      David Stroud  
Joanne Luxford      John Elton-Barratt

## **And the bereaved families of:**

Tamsin Farrell      Kenneth Howlett

*Tamsin's Thanksgiving Service will be at St Andrew's  
on Friday 13 February at 2:30 pm. All Welcome.*

Jill Frankham      Sue Knight

## **In loving memory (February):**

**Our Hymns for this service are:**

Opening: A&M 584 All My Hope On God  
Gradual: A&M 601 Blessed Assurance  
Offertory: A&M 546 O Lord My God When I  
Closing: A&M 766 Praise My Soul The King

**We Pray The Collect Together:**

**Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.**

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Psalms 136.1-9, 23-end**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures for ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>4</sup> **Who alone does great wonders, for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>5</sup> Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>6</sup> **Who laid out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>7</sup> Who made the great lights, for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>8</sup> **The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>9</sup> The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>23</sup> Who remembered us when we were in trouble, for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>24</sup> **And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures for ever;**

<sup>25</sup> Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>26</sup> **Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures for ever.**

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**

**Romans 8.18-25**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own

will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 6.25-end**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

<sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"

<sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**

**Post Communion**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.