

## 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

### **Christian festivals and holidays coming up**

*Spring Harvest - No Greater Story*, 7-11 April at Skegness or 14-18 April at Minehead.

*New Wine Festival*, 30 July to 4 August at Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet.

*Big Church Festival* is the UK's largest annual gathering of all denominations and ages for two exciting days of worship and celebration.

22-24 August at Wiston Estate, West Sussex.

*Ventures* are holidays for three age groups from 8-18 at several locations through the summer holidays. For more details and promotional videos, please go to the 'Links' section on our website.

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# **Sunday 12 January 2025**

## **Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 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



**Rev. Tayo Wale-Falope will be leading us in worship today. Please stay for tea / coffee & catching up after the service.**

## Looking Ahead: January into February

**Sunday 19 January 2025 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Thursday 23 January 2025 10:00 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Sunday 26 January 2025 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Mary's Albury

**Sunday 2 February 2025 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**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 Saggars  
Peter Radley  
Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley  
David Stroud  
Tamsin Farrell

Please bring to our notices, those who we need to keep in our prayers.

**Our Hymns for this service are:**

**Opening:** A&M 46 On Jordan's Bank The Baptist

**Gradual:** A&M 239 Come Holy Ghost Our Hearts

**Offertory:** A&M 595 Be Thou My Vision

**Closing:** Sent Forth By God's Blessings

**We Pray The Collect Together:**

**Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 29**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, Glory!**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

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.**

**Acts 8.14–17**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading Luke 3.15–17, 21–22**

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Post Communion**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Sent Forth By God's Blessings**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,

The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The supper ended. Oh, now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,

The tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

Give honour to Christ and His name that we bear.