

## 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](mailto:muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com)

### **'Getting to know you' forms**

If you haven't already done so, please remember to complete and return the "Getting to know you" forms. Thank you.

**Afternoon tea** on the first Sunday every month, 3 - 5 pm at Albury Village Hall.

**Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group** meet 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 18 January 2026**

**Epiphany 2**

**@ St Cecilia's Little 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:*

*Little Hadham Parochial Church Council  
Sort code: 20-36-98  
A/C No. 80588806*



***Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale Falope***

### **Looking Ahead: January**

**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

**Sunday 1 February 2026**

**9:15 am The Presentation (Candlemas)**  
Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Mary's Albury  
**5-5:30 pm**  
Benefice Evening Worship  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 8 February 2026**

**9:15 am 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent**  
Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 15 February 2026**

**9:15 am Sunday next before Lent**  
Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

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



Stuart Sagers  
Joanne Luxford

David Stroud

**And the bereaved families of:**

Tamsin Farrell

**In loving memory (January):**

**Our Hymns for this service are:**

Opening: CP 532 O For A Closer Walk

Gradual: CP 497 Let All The World In Every

Offertory: CP 308 Just As I Am

Closing: CP 448 God of Grace & God of Glory

**We Pray The Collect Together:**

**Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Psalm 40.1-12**

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> **Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us! There is none that can be compared with you.

<sup>6</sup> **If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more than I am able to express.**

<sup>7</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;

<sup>8</sup> **Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come.**

<sup>9</sup> 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

<sup>10</sup> **I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.**

<sup>11</sup> Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.

<sup>12</sup> **Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,**

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 1.1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together

with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: John 1.29-42**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' <sup>32</sup>And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' <sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup>He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**