

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

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 25 January 2026

Epiphany 3/Conversion of Paul

@ 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: Canon Stephen Fielding

Looking Ahead: February

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 2nd 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

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

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
Joanne Luxford

David Stroud

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.

In loving memory (January):

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: A&M 676 Immortal Visible God Only

Gradual: A&M 679 In Christ There is no East

Offertory: A&M 678 In Christ Alone My Hope

Closing: A&M 588 And Can It Be

We Pray The Collect Together:

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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

Psalms 67

¹ God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

² **That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.**

⁷ God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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 9.1-22

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought

him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 319.27-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' ²⁸Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ