

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

St Cecilia's churchyard clear up from 10 am on Saturday 5 April with refreshments available.

Electoral Roll renewal is underway and everyone needs to complete an application form. Forms are available in each church and need to be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer:

Albury Vanessa by 30 March

Little Hadham Karin by 19 April

Much Hadham Carol French by 30 April

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.

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Sunday 23 March 2025

Lent 3

@ 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



**Rev. Tayo will be leading us in worship today.
Please stay for refreshments & catching up after the service.**

Looking Ahead: March into April

**Remember: Daily Lent Course @ 9 am via Zoom,
excluding Sundays – see website 'NOTICES'**

Thursday 27 March 2025 10:00 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 30 March 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Mary's Albury

Sunday 6 April 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Saturday 12 April 2025 3:30 pm

A Journey to Jerusalem

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Saggars

Peter Radley

Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley

David Stroud

Tamsin Farrell

Sermons in Lent

We would have "teaching sermons" every Sunday during lent, talking about praying, looking at some Bible persons who chatted with God, interceded for others, both are also called prayers. What else is prayer and how do we pray? Come and let us chat about this and more during the service.

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP381. Author of Life

Gradual: CP322. Soul of My Saviour

Offertory: CP411. Dear Lord And Father

Closing: CP519. Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

We Pray The Collect Together:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 63.1-9

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you.

² **My flesh also faints for you, as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**

³ So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

⁴ **Your loving-kindness is better than life itself and so my lips shall praise you.**

⁵ I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

⁶ **My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**

⁷ When I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

⁸ **For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

⁹ My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast.

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 10.1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so

that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play. ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.1-9

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did. ⁶ Then he told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil? ⁸ He replied, Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.