

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 **TODAY**

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 30 March 2025

Lent 4 | Mothering Sunday

@ St Mary's Albury

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:

Albury Parochial Church Council

Sort code: 20-36-98 Account No. 00106887

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

Looking Ahead: April

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

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

Sunday 13 April 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Monday 14 April 2025 7 pm with Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Remainder of Holy Week services detailed inside

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers

Peter Radley

Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley

David Stroud

Tamsin Farrell

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tayo on his appointment as Priest-in-charge. His Licensing Service will take place on Saturday 26 April 2025, 5:30 pm, at St Andrew's Church. More details later.



Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP522 My Faith Look Up To Thee

Gradual: CP383. Be Still For The Presence of the Lord

Offertory: CP599. Thine For Ever God Of Love

Closing: CP577. Stand Up and Bless The Lord.

We Pray The Collect Together:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 34.11–20

¹¹ Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² **Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things?**

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴ **Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷ The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ **The Lord is near to the broken hearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit.**

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them.

²⁰ **He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken.**

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.

Colossians 3.12–17

¹² As Gods chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 19.25b–27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, O Christ

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, Woman, here is your son. ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, here is your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy week services continued

Wednesday 16 April 2025 7 pm with Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Maundy Thursday 17 April 2025 7 pm

Holy Communion & stripping of the altar

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Good Friday 18 April 2025

12 midday to 1pm: with Holy Cross, Walk of Witness (starting from Congregational Church)

1 to 3 pm: Benefice Good Friday Reflection

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 20 April 2025 9:15 am Easter Day

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Mary's Albury