

Notices & Community News

Rambling stems eco-floristry demonstration by Ali Conway at Village Hall 11 am on Saturday, 21 March. Tickets from Judy Waples 01279 842577

Shared Lent Talk and Lunch at St Andrew's 12:30 pm on Saturday, 21 March. To attend, please use signup sheet at the back of the church.

Items needed for pre-loved fashion show by 22 March. Quality, designer or standout pieces. Further information from Adele Rawlinson 07786 070987 or Carmel Naughton 07828 108608.

In Loving Memory: email the office to include a loved one in their anniversary month.

Home Communion: Email Tayo to request.

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Sunday 8 March 2026

Lent 3

St Andrew's Much Hadham

**The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham
& Much Hadham**

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Canon Stephen Fielding



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

Sunday 15 March, 9:15 am - Mothering Sunday

Benefice Holy Communion

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Sunday 22 March, 9:15 am Lent 5

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Thursday 26 March, 10 am

Benefice Midweek Communion

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Sunday 29 March 2026, 9:15 am - Palm Sunday

Benefice Holy Communion

St Thomas', Perry Green

Monday 30 March 2026, 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Wednesday 1 April 2026, 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Thursday 2 April 2026, 7 pm

Benefice Holy Communion & stripping of the altar

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

We hold before God:



Stuart Sagers David Stroud

Joanne Luxford John Elton-Barratt

And the bereaved families of:

Jill Frankham

Sue Knight

In loving memory (March):

*We remember with love those who are no longer
with us.*

Welcome!

*If you are visiting today, you are very welcome.
Please join us for refreshments after the service.*

Today's Hymns

Opening: A&M 787 Take My Life & Let It Be

Gradual: A&M 128 Jesu, Lover of My Soul

Offertory: A&M 584 All My Hope On God Is Founded

Closing: A&M 116 Be Thou My Guardian

The Collect (said together)

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Psalm 95 (Please join in the bold text)

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.**

³ For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

⁷ For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

⁸ **O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,**

⁹ 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰ **'Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**

¹¹ 'So, I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest.'"

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

Romans 5.1-11

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though

perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 20.1-16

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ