

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

Much Hadham Open Gardens Day

The Friends of Much Hadham Parish Church invite you to its Open Garden Day on Sunday 22 June, 12 noon to 5 pm. Gardens large and small will be open, mainly with easy access to the High Street. A chance to enjoy the historic village. Entrance fee is £5, with accompanied children free. Registration and free car parking is at the Village Hall, as well as refreshments available.

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 11 May 2025

Easter 4

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

Looking Ahead: May into June

Thursday 15 May 8 pm

Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial
Church Meeting
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 18 May 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Thursday 22 May 2025 10:00 am

Mid-week Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 25 May 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Thursday 29 May 7:30 pm

Ascension Day Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 1 June 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Saggars
Peter Radley
Joanne Luxford
Marj Ellis

Margaret Radley
David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:
Rosemary Stephens

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP 2 – Christ Whose Glory Fills The Sky

Gradual: CP 594 The Lord's My Shepherd

Offertory: CP 589 the King of Love My Shepherd Is

Closing: Life Is Great So Sing About It

We Pray The Collect Together:

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

We Listen To God's Word

Revelation 7.9–End

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing, Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen. ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from? ¹⁴ I said to him, Sir, you are the one that knows. Then he said to me, these are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 10.22–30

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, how long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly. ²⁵ Jesus answered, I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Life Is Great So Sing About It (regent square)

- 1) Life is great! so sing about it,
As we can and as we should—
Shops and buses, towns and people,
Village, farmland, field and wood.
Life is great and life is given;
Life is lovely free and good.
- 2) Life is great!— what ever happens,
Snow or sunshine, joy or pain,
Hardship, grief or disillusion,
Suffering that I can't explain—
Life is great if someone loves me,
Holds my hand and calls my name.
- 3) Love is great!— the love of lovers,
Whispered words and longing eyes;
Love that gazes at the cradle
Where a child of loving lies;
Love that lasts when youth has faded,
Bends with age, but never dies.
- 4) Love is giving and receiving—
Boy and girl, or friend with friend;
Love is bearing and forgiving
All the hurts that hate can send;
Love's the greatest way of living,
Hoping, trusting to the end.
- 5) God is great! In Christ He loved us,
As we should, but never can—
Love that suffered, hope and trusted
When disciples turned and ran,
Love that broke through death for ever.
Praise that loving, living Man!