

Notices & Community News.

Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church meeting dates:

Albury – **TODAY** at 10:45 am

Much Hadham – Thursday 7 May at 7:45 pm for 8 pm

Afternoon Tea:

First Sunday Monthly, 3-5pm Albury Village Hall.

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group:

Tuesdays (term time) 9:30-11:30, Much Hadham Village Hall.

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

Baptism: Contact us to arrange a date.

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Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
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Sunday 3 May 2026

Easter 5

St Mary's Albury

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

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Tayo Wale-Falope

Our Next Services

Tonight, 5-5:30 pm

Evening Worship - St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sunday 10 May, 9:15 am Easter 6

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

6 pm

Rogation Walk

From The Ford, Much Hadham

Thursday 14 May, 7:30 pm Ascension Day

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sunday 17 May, 9:15 am Easter 7

Benefice Holy Communion

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Sunday 24 May, 9:15 am Pentecost

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Thursday 28 May, 10 am

Benefice Midweek Communion

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

We hold before God:



David Stroud

John Elton-Barratt

And the bereaved families of:

Myles Stephens

Stuart Siggers

Gillian Clinch

Maggie Smith

In loving memory (May):

*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: CP 395 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Gradual: CP 423 Fight The Good Fight

Offertory: CP 376 And Can It Be

Closing: CP 262 O Lord My God

The Collect (said together)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Benefice Prayer (said together)

Almighty God, who calls us with Andrew to come and see your Son: give us hearts like Mary to magnify the Lord, faith like Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God," and joy like Cecilia to sing to you a new song; that our churches of St Andrew, St Mary, St Thomas and St Cecilia may proclaim your love and faithfully serve our communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Psalm 31.1-5 (*Please join in the bold text*)

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

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 7.55-end

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and

cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 14.1-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

