

## Notices & Community News.

### **Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church meeting dates:**

Little Hadham – **TODAY** at 10:45 am

Albury – Sunday 3 May 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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(Registered Charity No. 1152748)

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**Sunday 19 April 2026**

**Easter 3**

**St Cecilia's Little Hadham**

**The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham**

**& Much Hadham**

*We Are Living God's Love*

**Today's Celebrant & Preacher:**

*Revd Tayo Wale-Falope*



**There is a hearing loop system in place**

### **Our Next Services**

**Thursday 23 April, 10 am**

Benefice Midweek Communion

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

**Sunday 26 April, 9:15 am Easter 4**

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

**Sunday 3 May 2026, 9:15 am – Easter 5**

Benefice Holy Communion

St Mary's Albury

**5-5:30 pm**

Benefice 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

### **We hold before God:**

David Stroud

Joanne Luxford

John Elton-Barratt



### **And the bereaved families of:**

Sue Knight

Peter Izzard

Myles Stephens

Stuart Siggers

Gillian Clinch

Maggie Smith

### **In loving memory (April):**

Sindara T Wale-Falope

9 April

Anthony Dillon

25 April

*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: CP258 Lord of Beauty Thine The Splendour

Gradual: CP152 Now Is Eternal Life

Offertory: CP612 We Have A Gospel To Proclaim

Closing: CP162 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

## Readings

### Psalm 116.1-7 (Please join in the bold text)

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

<sup>2</sup> **The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.**

<sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

<sup>4</sup> **Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

<sup>6</sup> **Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

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 2.14A, 36-41

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Luke 24.13-35

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup>He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**

**The Collect** (said together)

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**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.

**Post Communion**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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*It's Tayo's  
first year anniversary  
as Priest in Charge  
next week.  
Invite someone  
to join us  
as we celebrate  
together on  
Sunday 26 April  
at  
St Andrew's Church  
Much Hadham*

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