

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.

Email Tayo for **Home Communion Service** on Sundays.

In Our Community: News & Events

In loving memory

If you have someone you would like remembered on the pew sheet during February, please email details to the office: muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

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.

Remember you can keep up to date with upcoming events on the River Ash Churches website and Facebook page.

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Sunday 1 February 2026

The Presentation (Candlemas)

@ 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

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale-Falope

Looking Ahead: February

TONIGHT 5-5:30 pm

Taizé Service

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 8 February 2026

9:15 am 2nd before Lent

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 15 February 2026

9:15 am Sunday next before Lent

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Wednesday 18 February 2026

7:30 pm Ash Wednesday

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 22 February 2026

9:15 am Lent 1

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

We welcome the family and friends of George Campbell William Barclay for his baptism today.

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers

Joanne Luxford

John Elton-Barratt

David Stroud

Sue Knight

And the bereaved families of:

Tamsin Farrell Kenneth Howlett Jill Frankham

Tamsin's Thanksgiving Service will be at St Andrew's on Friday 13 February at 2:30 pm. All Welcome.

In loving memory (February):

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP 1(Part 1) Awake My Soul

Gradual: CP 556 Praise The Lord Ye Heavens

Offertory: CP 513 Lord The Light of Your Love

Closing: CP 362 Tell Out My Soul

We Pray The Collect Together:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 72.1-15

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

² **For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

³ 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'

⁴ **'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;**

⁵ 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

⁶ **Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

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

Hebrews 2.14-end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.