

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 January, 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 11 January 2026

Baptism of Christ

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**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:

Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
(Registered Charity no. 1152748)
Sort code: 20-36-98 A/C No. 20000078



Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale Falope

Looking Ahead: January

Sunday 18 January 2026

9:15 am Epiphany 2

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Thursday 22 January 2026

10 am

Mid-week communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 25 January 2026

9:15 am Epiphany 3/Conversion of Paul

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 1 February 2026

9:15 am The Presentation (Candlemas)

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury
5-5:30 pm
Benefice Evening Worship
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 8 February 2026

9:15 am 2nd before Lent

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
Joanne Luxford

David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

Peter Radley Claire Titcomb

In loving memory (January):

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: A&M 238 Come Down O Love Divine

Gradual: A&M 358 Be Still For The Presence

Offertory: A&M 104 Songs of Thankfulness

Closing: A&M 227 Crown Him With Many

We Pray The Collect Together:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**

⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

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 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the

baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.13-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

