

Notices & Community News

St Cecilia's churchyard clear up from 10 am on Saturday 21 March with refreshments available.

Rambling stems eco-floristry demonstration by Ali Conway at Village Hall 11 am on Saturday, 21 March. Tickets from Judy Waples 01279 842577

Shared Lent Talk and Lunch at St Andrew's 12:30 pm on Saturday, 21 March. To attend, please use signup sheet at the back of the church.

Items needed for pre-loved fashion show by 22 March. Quality, designer or standout pieces. Further information from Adele Rawlinson 07786 070987 or Carmel Naughton 07828 108608.

Home Communion: Email Tayo to request.

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Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
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Sunday 15 March 2026

Mothering Sunday

St Cecilia's Little Hadham

The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham

& Much Hadham

We Are Living God's Love

Celebrant: *Revd Tayo Wale Falope*

Preacher: Charlotte Lipscomb



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

Sunday 22 March, 9:15 am Lent 5

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Thursday 26 March, 10 am

Benefice Midweek Communion

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Sunday 29 March 2026, 9:15 am - Palm Sunday

Benefice Holy Communion

St Thomas', Perry Green

Monday 23 March 2026, 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Monday 30 March 2026, 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Thursday 2 April 2026, 7 pm

Benefice Holy Communion & stripping of the altar

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

We hold before God:

Stuart Sagers David Stroud

Joanne Luxford John Elton-Barratt



And the bereaved families of:

Jill Frankham

Sue Knight

In loving memory (March):

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: CP589 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Gradual: Faithful Shepherd Lead me (*in pew sheet*)
Offertory: CP 507 Lord of All Hopefulness
Closing: CP 362 Tell Out My Soul

Faithful Shepherd, Lead Me

1. Faithful Shepherd, lead me
me in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.
2. Hold me fast and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.
3. Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.
4. Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.
5. Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Benefice Prayer

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 127 (Please join in the bold text)

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

² **Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**

³ It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep.

⁴ **Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.**

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

Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 15. 1-7

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.