

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 December, please email details to the office: muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

'Getting to know you' forms

If you haven't already done so, please remember to complete and return the "Getting to know you" forms. Thank you.

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 30 November 2025

Advent Sunday (Proper 30)

@ St Thomas' Perry Green

**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: Rev'd Tayo Wale Falope

Looking Ahead: December

Sunday 7 December 2025

9:15 am Advent 2

Benefice Carol Service
@ St Mary's Albury

5-5:30 pm

Benefice Evensong
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 14 December 2025

9:15 am Advent 3

Benefice Holy Communion with toy
collection
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

6 pm

Carol Service
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 21 December 2025

9:15 am Advent 4

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham
6 pm

Shared Carol Service

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham & Holy Cross

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
Joanne Luxford

David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

Noel Anthony Eastwood Peter Radley
Barry Brett

In loving memory (November):

Michael French 8 November 2024

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: A&M45 O Come O Come Emmanuel

Gradual: A&M30 Come thou long expected Jesus

Offertory: A&M50 The Advent of Our King

Closing: A&M46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

We Pray The Collect Together:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

² **And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;**

³ Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

⁴ **Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ 'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

⁸ **For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.**

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

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

Romans 13.11–end

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and

jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.36–44

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

