

# Welcome

*We are living God's love*

**The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham  
and Much Hadham**

**Sunday 19 November 2023**

## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

11:15 am      Benefice Holy Communion at Little Hadham

## **COLLECT AND READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end	page 798 OT	(page 1237 large print)
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	page 190 NT	(page 298 large print)
Matthew 25.14-30	page 26 NT	(page 42 large print)

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## **FUTURE SERVICES**

23 November	10:00 am	Mid-week Holy Communion at Little Hadham
26 November Christ the King	11:15 am	Benefice Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at Albury
3 December Advent Sunday	9:15 am	Benefice Holy Communion with toy collection at Much Hadham
	6:00 pm	Carol Service at Little Hadham
10 December Advent 2	11:15 am	Family Carol Service at Albury
16 December	3:00 pm	A Journey to Jerusalem at Much Hadham
17 December Advent 3	11:15 am	Benefice Holy Communion at Little Hadham
	6:00 pm	Shared Carol Service at Much Hadham
24 December Christmas Eve	9:15 am	Benefice Morning Prayer at Much Hadham
	4:30 pm	The Big Nativity at Much Hadham
	6:00 pm	Christingle Service at Little Hadham

## **PRAYERS**

### **We pray for:**

Stuart Sagers, Margaret Radley, Rosemary Smith, Clive Slaughter

*Names are kept on the prayer list for three weeks. Please inform Churchwardens or Fiona if someone has a long-term illness.*

### **We pray for the bereaved family and friends of:**

Gary Cornell, Michael McAdam

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# **NEWS AND EVENTS**

## **Mid-week Communion**

Mid-week Communion is at 10 am on Thursday 23 November at St Cecilia's. It is a 30 minute said communion service. All are welcome.

## **St Elizabeth's Reflections Service**

St Elizabeth's Reflections Service takes place on Monday 27 November from 4:30 pm to 6 pm. The Service provides a peaceful setting and opportunity to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas whilst giving thanks for the lives and memories of loved ones who, for whatever reason, will not be here to share the Christmas celebrations.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service and join them for refreshments afterwards.

To make personal candle or written dedications, please email:

[pauline.meaney@stelizabeths.org.uk](mailto:pauline.meaney@stelizabeths.org.uk)

## **Carol Service at Little Hadham**

Please join us for our Carol Service at 6 pm on Sunday 3 December with refreshments afterwards.

## **Toy collection**

We will, again this year, be collecting toys for distribution to children who would otherwise go without Christmas presents.

If anyone from any of the three churches would like to donate anything, please bring to any of the following services:

3 December in Much Hadham

10 December in Little Hadham

17 December in Albury

Alternatively, you are welcome to leave toys in St Andrew's Church at any time prior to 17 December. Please leave by the rail in the Lady Chapel.

The toys need to be new or nearly new, please, and in good condition. Toys will be collected following each service.

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## REGULAR EVENTS

**Afternoon tea** on the first Sunday every month, 3 - 5 pm at Albury Village Hall.

**St Andrew's Church Library**, compliments of the Sisters at St Elizabeth Centre, is in the Upper Vestry. If you would like to take a look at the books and borrow any of them, you are welcome to do so while the Outer Vestry is open before and after Sunday services.

**Choral Evensong** - members of the Benefice are invited to attend the Choral Evensong in St Mary's, Standon at 6 pm on every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Children are welcome at all our services**

**Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group** meets on **Thursdays** in term time 9:30 – 11:30 am in Much Hadham Village Hall.

**Children's activities during services.** There are children's activities available in the children's area of each parish church.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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