

## 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.

## In Our Community: News & Events

**Electoral Roll** renewal is underway and everyone needs to complete an application form. Forms are available in each church and need to be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer:

Little Hadham Karin by 19 April  
Much Hadham Carol French by 30 April

**St Albans Easter Monday Pilgrimage** will take place on 21 April and the theme is JOY. Pilgrims can journey from their local church, or from a hub church, to gather together for a celebration at St Albans Cathedral. Gather on the beautiful Abbey Orchard before heading inside from 2:30 pm for an informal service at 3 pm. Short communion led by Bishop Richard, Bishop of Bedford.

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**Sunday 6 April 2025**

**Lent 5**

**@ 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



**Rev. Tayo will be leading us in worship today.**  
**Please stay for refreshments & catching up after the service.**

## Looking Ahead: April

**Remember: Daily Lent Course @ 9 am via Zoom,**  
**excluding Sundays – see website 'NOTICES'**

**Sunday 13 April 2025 9:15 am**  
Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Monday 14 April 2025 7 pm with Holy Cross**  
Stations of the Cross  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Wednesday 16 April 2025 7 pm with Holy Cross**  
Stations of the Cross  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Maundy Thursday 17 April 2025 7 pm**  
Holy Communion & stripping of the altar  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Good Friday 18 April 2025**  
**12 midday to 1pm:** with Holy Cross, Walk of Witness  
(starting from Congregational Church)  
**1 to 3 pm:** Benefice Good Friday Reflection  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 20 April 2025 9:15 am Easter Day**  
Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Mary's Albury

**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.

### Our Hymns for this service are:

**Opening:** 452. Let All Mortal Keep Silence

**Gradual:** 423. And Now O Father, Mindful of the Love

**Offertory:** 451. Just As I Am Without One Plea

**Closing:** 537. For The Beauty of The Earth.

### We Pray The Collect Together:

**Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 126

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.**

<sup>3</sup> Then said they among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them.

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.**

<sup>5</sup> Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the riverbeds of the desert.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

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.**

#### Philippians 3.4b-14

<sup>4</sup> Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own

that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Reading: John 12.1-8

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

#### Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Siggers  
Peter Radley  
Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley  
David Stroud  
Tamsin Farrell