

## 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.

**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.

**St Elizabeth's Reflections Service Wednesday, 27 November @ 3:45 pm**

### **Christmas Choir**

As usual there will be a special enlarged choir for the Christmas Carol Service, which is in the evening of Sunday 15 December. Rehearsals will be on Saturdays 30 November, and 7 and 14 December, from 10 am to 11:30 am, at St Andrew's Church. Singers should try to attend at least two of these, if not all three.

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# **Sunday 24 November 2024**

## **Christ The King / Sunday Before Advent**

### **@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham for**

### **The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham**

### **& Much Hadham.**

**We Are Living God's Love.**

*Revd Tayo Wale Falope & Revd June Knight will be leading us in worship. Please stay for tea / coffee & catching up after the service.*

### Looking Ahead: November into December

**Thursday, 28 November 2024. 10:00 am**

Mid-Week Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham.

**Sunday 1 December 2024. 9.15am. Advent 1**

Benefice Communion Service with Bishop Alan.  
@ St Mary's Albury.

### Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Saggars  
Peter Radley  
Malcolm Rosburgh

Margaret Radley  
David Stroud  
Joanne Luxford

### **And the bereaved families of:**

Sue Carver, Michael Welbourne, Michael French

### Toy collection

We will be collecting toys for distribution to children who would otherwise go without Christmas presents. Please bring anything you would like to donate to any of the following services:

- 3 December in Albury
- 8 December in Much Hadham
- 15 December in Little Hadham

Alternatively, you can leave toys in St Andrew's Church at any time prior to 15 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.

### Advent / Christmas Notices

- ✳ Please send your hymns for Advent and Christmas seasons.
- ✳ The Diocesan, Bishop Alan St Albans will be worshipping with us at St Mary's Albury on 1 December 2024.

### Our Hymns for this service are:

**Opening: CP 208(II)** Christ Is Made The Sure . . .  
**Gradual: CP 577** Stand Up and Bless The Lord  
**Offertory:** In Christ Alone, My Hope Is Found  
**Closing: CP163** All Hail The Power of Jesus Name

### **We Pray The Collect Together:**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

### **We Listen To God's Word**

#### **Revelation 1.4b–8 [Bible p 358 large print]**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth to him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalms 93 [Bible p 790 large print]**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

<sup>2</sup> **He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.**

<sup>3</sup> Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting.

<sup>4</sup> **The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves.**

<sup>5</sup> Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mightier.

<sup>6</sup> **Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.**

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.**

#### **The Holy Gospel John 18.33–37**

##### **[Bible p 164 large print]**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, Are you the King of the Jews? <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me? <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and

the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done? <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here. <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, So you are a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Lord.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer.**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **In Christ Alone, My Hope Is Found**

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live
3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.