

Sunday 29 December 2024
Christmas 1
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham
The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham
& Much Hadham
We Are Living God's Love

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

St Cecilia's

The repairs to the Church roof and internal wall have now been completed. Thank you to all those who gave so generously to our Roof fund.

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.

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*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:

*Little Hadham Parochial Church Council
Sort code: 20-36-98
A/C No. 80588806*



Rev. Tayo Wale-Falope will be leading us in worship today. Please stay for tea / coffee & catching up after the service.

Looking Ahead: January

Sunday 5 January 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury

Sunday 12 January 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 19 January 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Thursday 23 January 2025 10 am

Mid-week Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 26 January 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury

Christian festivals and holidays coming up

Spring Harvest - No Greater Story, 7-11 April at Skegness or 14-18 April at Minehead.

New Wine Festival, 30 July to 4 August at Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet.

Big Church Festival is the UK's largest annual gathering of all denominations and ages for two exciting days of worship and celebration.

22-24 August at Wiston Estate, West Sussex.

Ventures are holidays for three age groups from 8-18 at several locations through the summer holidays.

For more details and promotional videos, please go to the 'Links' section on our website.

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP57 Joy To The World

Gradual: CP55 In The Bleak Midwinter

Offertory: CP44 Angels From The Realms of Glory

Closing: CP64 Of The Father's Love Begotten

We Pray The Collect Together:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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

Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As Gods chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear 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. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let 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. ¹⁷ And 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.

Psalm 148

¹ Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

² **Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.

⁴ **Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ **He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word.**

⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars.

¹⁰ **Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing.**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world.

¹² **Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.**

¹³ For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia**

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 Luke 2.41-End

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a days journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety. ⁴⁹ He said to them, Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Fathers house? ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Saggars
Peter Radley
Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley
David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

Michael French

Malcolm Rosborough

Please bring to our notices, those who need our prayers.