

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

Save the date – 29 March St Andrew's

The Reverend Doctor Cally Hammond, Dean and Fellow of Gonville and Caius in Cambridge will give us a Lent talk, starting at Noon in church to be followed by a Lent lunch. More details to follow.

Lent Course

St Andrew's and Holy Cross will re run (on Zoom) Michael McAdam's Lent course each morning in Lent, starting on 5 March (Ash Wednesday) and finishing on 17 April (Maundy Thursday). More details on 'NOTICES' page of the website.

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Sunday 2 February 2025.

Presentation of Christ In The Temple (Candlemas)

@ 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 Wale-Falope will be leading us in worship today. Please stay for refreshments & catching up after the service.

Looking Ahead: February

Sunday 2 February 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 9 February 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 16 February 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury

Sunday 23 February 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion with Archdeacon Janet
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

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.

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
Peter Radley
Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley
David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:
Roger Day

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: A&M763 Praise To The Holiest . . .

Gradual: A&M14 Eternal Light Shine In My Heart

Offertory: A&M584 All My Hope On God Is Founded

Closing: A&M698 King of Glory King of Peace

We Pray The Collect Together:

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

We Listen To God's Word

Psalm 24. 1–6 7–end

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

² **For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?

⁴ **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;**

⁵ They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ **Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

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.

Hebrews 2.14–end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22–40

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, this child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too. ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.