

**Sunday 5 January 2025**

**Epiphany**

**@ St Mary's Albury**

**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**

**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.

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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:*

*Albury Parochial Church Council*

*Sort code: 20-36-98 Account No. 00106887*

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

**Looking Ahead: January 2025.**

**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 10:00 am**

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Mary's Albury

**Sunday 26 January 2025 9:15 am**

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.

**Please Keep In Our Prayers:**



Stuart Siggers

Peter Radley

Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley

David Stroud

Tamsin Farrell

**And the bereaved families of:**

Malcolm Rosborough

Please bring to our notices, those who we need to keep in our prayers.

**Our Hymns for this service are:**

**Opening:** CP84 Brightest and Best of The Sons . . .

**Gradual:** CP83 As With Gladness Men of Old

**Offertory:** CP86 From The Eastern Mountains

**Closing:** CP496 Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us

**We Pray The Collect Together:**

**Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Ephesians 3.1–12**

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles- <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of Gods grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of Gods grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72. 10–15**

<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> **All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.**

<sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> **He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

<sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

<sup>15</sup> **Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.**

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.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.1–12**

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

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

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel. <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Post Communion Prayer.**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.