

Notices & Community News

Confirmation: email the office if you would like to be confirmed on 20 September at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Candidates will need to provide a letter for the Bishop introducing themselves, a description of their journey to faith and a summary of the reasons why they feel ready to be confirmed.

Weekly one-page update of services and events in the Benefice is available. Email the office with the subject line "**add me to weekly update**" if wanted.

Sermon summaries available on request from the office.

Afternoon Tea:

First Sunday Monthly, 3-5pm Albury Village Hall.

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Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
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Sunday 16 August 2026

Trinity 7

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham & Much Hadham

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Service

*Service of the Word
With Karin Green*



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

Sunday 23 August. 9:15 am Trinity 12

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sermon in Conversation: Carrying on After a Loss
with Peter Findlay

Thursday 27 August. 10:00 am

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Midweek Eucharist (BCP)

Sunday 30 August. 9:15 am Trinity 13

St Thomas' Church, Perry Green

Sermon in Conversation: Created to Create
With Rodney Munday

Sunday 6 September. 9:15 am Trinity 14

St Mary's Church, Albury

Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 6 September. 5:00-5:30 pm

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

Said Eucharist

Sunday 13 September. 9:15 am Trinity 15

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Benefice Holy Communion

We hold before God:



David Stroud	John Elton-Barratt
Jenny Fennell	Sheila Rowntree
Julian Lewthwaite	

And the bereaved families of:

John Cragg Paul Prosser

In loving memory (August):

Keith Barry Mullender – 9 Aug 2025

Peter Roy Warwick – 22 Aug 2025

*We remember with love those who are no longer
with us.*

Welcome!

*If you are visiting today, you are very welcome.
Please join us for refreshments after the service.*

Today's Hymns

Opening: CP 474 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise
Gradual: CP 449 God Mercy and God of Grace
Offertory: CP 322 Soul of My Saviour
Closing: CP 497 Let All The World In Every Corner

The Collect (said together)

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Benefice Prayer (said together)

Almighty God, who calls us with Andrew to come and see your Son: give us hearts like Mary to magnify the Lord, faith like Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God," and joy like Cecilia to sing to you a new song; that our churches of St Andrew, St Mary, St Thomas and St Cecilia may proclaim your love and faithfully serve our communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Psalm 67

¹ God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

² **That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.**

⁷ God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive

mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 15.10-28

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³ He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶ Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

