

## 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

### **Bike 'n Hike Saturday 13 September**

Get sponsored to take part and have a great day out visiting beautiful churches. All money raised is divided equally between your own church and the Trust to give grants to repair churches and chapels in Beds and Herts.

*Remember you can keep up to date with upcoming events on the River Ash Churches website and Facebook page.*

**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.

## Benefice Contact Details

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**Sunday 17 August 2025**

**Trinity 9 (Proper 15)**

**@ 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*



***Celebrant: Revd Tayo Wale Falope***

***Talk on Church Music by Derek Harrison***

## **Looking Ahead: August into September**

**Today 5-5:30 pm Benefice Quiet Church**

Come for a time of reflection.

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 24 August 2025.9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Sunday 31 August 2025.9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Thomas Perry Green

**Sunday 7 September 2025.**

**9:15 am:** Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Mary's Albury

**5-5:30 pm:** Benefice Said Eucharist

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Bible Study: Every Thursday in September @ 8pm.**

Email [muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com](mailto:muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com) to book.

## **Please Keep In Our Prayers:**



Stuart Saggars  
David Stroud  
Tamsin Farrell

Peter Radley  
Joanne Luxford  
Marj Ellis

**And the bereaved families of:**

Siwan Hall, Penelope Wrong, Nigell D'Oyly

**In loving memory (August):**

Keith Mullender 9 August 2024

***Food For Thought!***

**MUSIC IS THE STRONGEST FORM OF MAGIC.**

***Marilyn Manson***

### **Our Hymns for this service are:**

Opening: A&M631 Fight The Good Fight With All...

Gradual: A&M300 Glory To You O God

Offertory: A&M232 The Head That Once Was...

Closing: A&M714 Lord Of All Power I Give You ...

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

**Gracious Father, revive your church in our day and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

#### **Psalms 80.9 - end**

<sup>9</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

<sup>10</sup> **You made room around it, and when it had taken root, it filled the land.**

<sup>11</sup> The hills were covered with its shadow and the cedars of God by its boughs.

<sup>12</sup> **It stretched out its branches to the Sea and its tendrils to the River.**

<sup>13</sup> Why then have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

<sup>14</sup> **The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, and all the insects of the field devour it.**

<sup>15</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and behold;

<sup>16</sup> **Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup> Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

<sup>18</sup> **Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, the son of man you made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>19</sup> And so will we not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

<sup>20</sup> **Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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 11.29 - 12.2**

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies

to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

#### **Gospel Reading: Luke 12.49 - 56**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>49</sup> 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you O Christ**

#### **Post Communion**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.