

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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Sort code: 20-36-98
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Much Hadham Parochial Church
(Registered Charity No. 1152748)
Sort code: 20-36-98
Account number: 20000078



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Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 23 August 2026

Trinity 12

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

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Service

Sermon in Conversation: Carrying on After a Loss
Celebrant: Rev'd Tayo Wale Falope with Peter Findlay



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

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 Church, Much Hadham

Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 20 September. 9:15 am Trinity 16

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Pet Service

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: A&M 584 All My Hope on God * v4

Offertory: A&M 296 For All The Saints

Closing: A&M 650 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Collect (said together)

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

2 Samuel 12.15-23

¹⁵ Then Nathan went to his house. The Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became very ill. ¹⁶ David therefore pleaded with God for the child; David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. ¹⁷ The elders of his house stood beside him, urging him to rise from the ground; but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. ¹⁸ On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, 'While the child was still alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us; how then can we tell him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm.' ¹⁹ But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, he perceived that the child was dead; and David said to his servants, 'Is the child dead?' They said, 'He is dead.' ²⁰ Then David rose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes. He went into the house of the Lord and worshipped; he then went to his own house; and when he asked, they set food before him and he ate. ²¹ Then his servants said to him, 'What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while it was alive; but when the child died, you rose and ate food.' ²² He said, 'While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, "Who knows? The Lord may be gracious to me, and the child may live." ²³ But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶ If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the

same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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John 11.17-37

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.