

Notices & Community News

Bible Study: Joseph: From Pit to Palace: Exploring Joseph's journey of faith, adversity, & forgiveness.

15, 22 & 29 July 7:45pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Mark & Sue Stephens' home

To book or for further details, please email:

muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

Baptism does not have to wait, kindly contact us to fix a date.

Afternoon Tea:

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

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group:

Tuesdays (term time) 9:30-11:30 am, Much Hadham Village Hall.

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Sunday 12 July 2026

Trinity 6

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: Surviving Genocide

With Antoinette Mutabazi – Guest Speaker

Celebrant: Revd Tayo Wale Falope



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

Sunday 12 July, 7:30 pm

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

The King's Men Concert

See website for ticket

details or scan QR code



Sunday 19 July. 9:15 am

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Sermon in Conversation: The Call of God

Sunday 19 July. 5:00 pm

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

Blessing The Pets

Thursday 23 July. 10:00 am

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Midweek Eucharist (BCP)

Sunday 26 July. 9:15 am

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

Sermon in Conversation: Conversation with God

With Canon Stephen Fielding

We hold before God:



David Stroud

Jenny Fennell

John Elton-Barratt

Sheila Rowntree

And the bereaved families of:

Madeline Bazley

Robert Smith

John Cragg

In loving memory (July):

Ibukun Wale Falope

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&M623 Eternal Father Strong To Save

Offertory: A&M746 O God Our Help In Ages Past

Closing: A&M702 Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us

Hymn for Reflection: A&M725 Make Me A Channel
of Your Peace (verse 1)

The Collect (said together)

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

Introduction to the reading:

Our Old Testament reading comes near the end of Joseph's story. Years earlier, his brothers had betrayed him, sold him into slavery, and caused him great suffering. Now their father has died, and the brothers fear that Joseph may finally take revenge.

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is

doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

Joseph could have sought revenge, yet he chose forgiveness and reconciliation.

Mark 4:35-41

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

