

In Our Community: News & Events

Bishop's Stortford Food Bank

The Food Bank is short of the following items at the moment: tinned soup; tinned beans; peanut butter; Angel Delight or Rice Pudding; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; fruit juice and crisps or savoury snacks. If you can help, please drop the items to the Food Bank at the back of the Methodist Church, 34 South Street.

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.

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Sunday 20 July 2025

Trinity 5 (Proper 11)

@ St Mary's Albury

**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:

Albury Parochial Church Council

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

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale Falope

Looking Ahead: July into August

Thursday 24 July 2025. 8 pm

Bible Study

@ home of Mark & Sue Stephens
(email The Rectory to book)

Sunday 20 July 2025. 5-5:30 pm

Benefice Blessing the Pets
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Thursday 24 July 2025. 10 am

Mid-week communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 27 July 2025. 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 3 August 2025.

9:15 am: Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

5-5:30 pm: Benefice Said Eucharist
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Saggars
David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell

Peter Radley
Joanne Luxford
Marj Ellis

And the bereaved families of:

Lilian Rees, Margaret Dunne, Siwan Hall,
Penelope Wrong

Food For Thought!

**IT IS THE CRUSHED GRAPE THAT YEILDS THE
WINE!**

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP434 Give To Our God Immortal Praise

Gradual: CP322 Soul of My Saviour

Offertory: CP311 Lord Enthroned In Heavenly ...

Closing: CP558 Praise To The Lord The Almighty

We Pray The Collect Together:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We Listen To God's Word

Psalms 52

¹ Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant, while the goodness of God endures continually?

² **You plot destruction, you deceiver; your tongue is like a sharpened razor.**

³ You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than the word of truth.

⁴ **You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue.**

⁵ Therefore God shall utterly bring you down; he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent and root you out of the land of the living.

⁶ **The righteous shall see this and tremble; they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:**

⁷ 'This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great riches and relied upon wickedness.'

⁸ **But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.**

⁹ I will always give thanks to you for what you have done; I will hope in your name, for your faithful ones delight in it.

Colossians 1.15 - 28

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was

pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10.38 - end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.