

## In Our Community: News & Events

### **Much Hadham Open Gardens Day**

The Friends of Much Hadham Parish Church invite you to its Open Garden Day on Sunday 22 June, 12 noon to 5 pm. Gardens large and small will be open, mainly with easy access to the High Street. A chance to enjoy the historic village. Entrance fee is £7.50, with accompanied children free. Registration and free car parking is at the Village Hall, as well as refreshments available.

### **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 1 June 2025**

**Easter 7**

**Sunday after Ascension Day**

**@ 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: Revd June Knight***

***Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale Falope***

#### **Looking Ahead: June**

**Sunday 8 June 2025. 9:15 am**

Pentecost Sunday Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Thursday 12 June 2025. 8 pm**

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

**Sunday 15 June 2025. 9:15 am**

Trinity Sunday Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

- ❖ **There will be service @ St Thomas' Church, every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.**
- ❖ **Some of the services in the Benefice will be BCP.**

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



Stuart Sagers  
David Stroud  
Tamsin Farrell

Peter Radley  
Joanne Luxford  
Marj Ellis

#### **And the bereaved families of:**

Rosemary Stephens, Margaret Radley, Ken Twort

*Food For Thought!*

**"At night a candle is brighter than the sun!"**

*Sting*

*Like that advert says, every little helps. Do not worry if you think it is too little!*

**Our Hymns for this service are:**

**Opening:** CP401 Come Let Us Join Cheerful Songs  
**Gradual:** CP565 Rock Of Ages Cleft For Me  
**Offertory:** CP563 Rejoice the Lord Is King  
**Closing:** CP517 Loving Shepherd Of Thy Sheep

**We Pray The Collect Together:**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God, the Father.

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Psalm 97**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup> **His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled.**

<sup>5</sup> The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declared his righteousness, and all the peoples have seen his glory.**

<sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols. Bow down before him, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup> **Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgements, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup> Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart.

<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.**

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**

**Revelation 22.12–14,16, 17, 20–end**

*The Epistle is written in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> verse.*

<sup>12</sup> See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha

and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup> It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let everyone who hears say, Come. And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, Surely, I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*At the end*

Here endeth the Lesson

**Gospel Reading; John 17.20 – end**

*The holy Gospel is written in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the 20<sup>th</sup> verse.*

***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

<sup>20</sup> I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.