

Notices & Community News

Much Hadham Open Gardens Day

Open Garden Day on Sunday 28 June, 11:30 am 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.

Afternoon Tea:

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

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group:

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

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Sunday 14 June 2026

Trinity 2

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

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Tayo Wale-Falope



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

Friday 19 June, 6:30 pm

Songs of Praise & A Pint

St Mary's Church, Albury

Sunday 21 June, 9:15 am Trinity 3

Benefice Holy Communion

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Thursday 25 June, 10 am

Benefice Midweek Communion

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Sunday 28 June, 9:15 am Trinity 4

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

Friday 3 July, 6pm

St Thomas' Day

St Thomas' Church, Perry Green

Sunday 5 July 2026, 9:15 am – Trinity 5

Benefice Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Albury

5:00 - 5:30 pm

Said Eucharist

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

We hold before God:

David Stroud

John Elton-Barratt

Jenny Fennell

Sheila Rowntree

And the bereaved families of:

Gillian Clinch

Maggie Smith

Madeline Bazley

Robert Smith

In loving memory (June):

Edward Hart

15 June

Margaret Anne Dunne

26 June

Siwan E Hall

30 June

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.*

Readings

Psalm 116.9-17 *(Please join in the bold text)*

⁹ I believed that I should perish for I was sorely troubled; and I said in my alarm, 'Everyone is a liar.'

¹⁰ How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹² I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

¹⁴ O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵ I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁶ I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

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

Romans 5.1-8

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had

compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹⁰Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. ¹⁶ 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Today's Hymns

Opening: A&M 678 In Christ Alone . . .
Gradual: A&M 631 Fight The Good Fight
Offertory: I Am Thine O Lord (Draw Me Nearer)
Closing: A&M 812 Through All Changing Scenes

The Collect (said together)

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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.

I Am Thine O Lord (Draw Me Nearer)

1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain:

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to Thy precious, bleeding side.*

2. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain

3. O, the pure delight of a single hour
that before Thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with Thee.

Refrain

Events & Services

Sunday Lunch Club

Enjoy good food and friendly company at our quarterly Sunday Lunch Club. Our next lunch is at 12:30 pm on 21 June at Much Hadham Village Hall. If you would like a break from cooking or simply would like the company of others, you are very welcome. There is no charge, though donations are welcome. Please contact Sandra McAdam on 01279 842676 or email: post@sandramcadam.co.uk.

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

8, 15, 22 & 29 July 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm

Venue: Mark & Sue Stephens' home

To book or for further details, please email:

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Services in July

3 July, St Thomas Day, 6 – 6:30 pm

Said Eucharist at St Thomas' Church, Perry Green.

Sermon in Conversation: God in Everyday Life

5 July – Women in Ministry 9:15 am

St Mary's Church, Albury

Guest Speaker: Canon Teresa Wayne

Saturday 11 July, 5 pm – 7 pm Hymns & Pimm's

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham.

Sermon in Conversation: God in Everyday Life

12 July – Surviving Genocide. 9:15 am

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

Guest Speaker: Antoinette Mutabazi

Survivor of the Rwandan genocide

Sermon in Conversation: God in Everyday Life

19 July – The Call of God. 9:15 am

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

19 July – Blessing The Pets, 5 pm

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

23 July Midweek Eucharist (BCP). 10 am

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Sermon in Conversation: God in Everyday Life

26 July – Prayer: A Conversation with God. 9:15 am

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

With Canon Stephen Fielding

Coming in August.

Sermon in Conversation: God in Everyday Life

- Created to Create with Rodney Munday.
- Carrying On After A Loss
- The GoD – The Gospel Over Dinner