

## **In Our Community: News & Events**

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

The Friends of Much Hadham Parish Church invite you to its Open Garden Day **TODAY**, 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 22 June 2025**

**Trinity 1 (Proper 7)**

**@ 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 June Knight***

#### **Looking Ahead: June into July**

**Thursday 26 June 2025 10:00 am**

**Mid-week Communion**

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

**Sunday 29 June 2025. 9:15 am**

**Benefice Holy Communion**

@St Thomas' Perry Green

**Sunday 6 July 2025. 9:15 am**

**Benefice Holy Communion**

@St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 13 July 2025. 9:15 am**

**Benefice Holy Communion**

@St Cecilia's Little Hadham

#### **Save the dates: Benefice Evening Services in July**

**@ St Andrew's Much Hadham 5 – 5.30 pm**

**July 6 - Said Eucharist**

**July 20 - Blessing The Pets**

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



Stuart Saggars

David Stroud

Tamsin Farrell

Penelope Wong

Peter Radley

Joanne Luxford

Marj Ellis

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

Margaret Radley, Ken Twort

*Food For Thought!*

**"GOD WILL NOT LOOK YOU OVER FOR  
MEDALS, DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS, BUT  
SCARS"**

*Hubbard*

**Our Hymns for this service are:**

**Opening:** CP555 Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

**Gradual:** CP604 Through All The Changing Scenes ...

**Offertory:** CP380 At The Name of Jesus ... (omit \*)

**Closing:** CP376 And Can it Be That I Should Gain

**We Pray The Collect Together:**

**God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.**

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

<sup>2</sup> **For you are the God of my refuge; why have you cast me from you, and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?**

<sup>3</sup> O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,

<sup>4</sup> **That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**

<sup>5</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>6</sup> **O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

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**

**Galatians 3.23–end**

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

<sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abrahams offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8.26–39**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me- <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, What is your name? He said, Legion; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

<sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**

**Post Communion**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.