

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 29 June 2025

Trinity 2 (Proper 8)

@ St Thomas Perry Green

**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:

*Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
(Registered Charity no. 1152748)
Sort code: 20-36-98 A/C No. 20000078*



Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale Falope

Looking Ahead: July

Thursday 10, 17 & 24 July 2025. 8 pm
Bible Study

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

Sunday 6 July 2025.

9:15 am: Benefice Holy Communion

5-5:30 pm: Benefice Said Eucharist

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 13 July 2025. 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 20 July 2025.

9:15 am: Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Mary's Albury

5-5:30 pm: Benefice Blessing the Pets

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Sagers
David Stroud
Tamsin Farrell
Penelope Wrong

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: A&M663 How Shall I Sing That Majesty

Gradual: A&M685 Jesu, My Lord, My God, My All

Offertory: A&M820 When All Thy Mercies, O My God

Closing: A&M To God Be The Glory

We Pray The Collect 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.

We Listen To God's Word

Psalm 77.11–End

¹¹ I will remember the works of the Lord and call to mind your wonders of old time.

¹² **I will meditate on all your works and ponder your mighty deeds.**

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?

¹⁴ **You are the God who worked wonders and declared your power among the peoples.**

¹⁵ With a mighty arm you redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ **The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and were afraid; the depths also were troubled.**

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side;

¹⁸ **The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the ground; the earth trembled and shook.**

¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, but your footsteps were not known.

²⁰ **You led your people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

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 5.1, 13–25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say,

and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 9.51–end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them? ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.

⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, I will follow you wherever you go. ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. ⁵⁹ To another he said, Follow me. But he said, Lord, first let me go and bury my father. ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God. ⁶¹ Another said, I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home. ⁶² Jesus said to him, No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.