

## 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 am, Much Hadham Village Hall.

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**Sunday 7 June 2026**

**Trinity 1**

**St Mary's Albury**

**The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham  
& Much Hadham**

*We Are Living God's Love*

**Today's Celebrant & Preacher:**

*Revd Canon Stephen Fielding*

### Our Next Services

**Tonight, 5-5:30 pm**

Said Eucharist (BCP 1662)  
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

**Sunday 14 June, 9:15 am Trinity 2**

Benefice Holy Communion  
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

**Friday 19 June, 6:30 pm**

Songs of Praise & A Pint  
St Mary's, Albury

**Sunday 21 June, 9:15 am Trinity 3**

Benefice Holy Communion  
St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

**Thursday 25 June, 10 am**

Benefice Midweek Communion  
St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

**Sunday 28 June, 9:15 am Trinity 4**

Benefice Holy Communion  
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

**Friday 3 July, Noon**

St Thomas' Day  
St Thomas', Perry Green

### 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.*



## Today's Hymns

Opening: CP622 Will You Come and Follow Me  
Gradual: CP562 Put Thou Thy Trust In God  
Offertory: CP411 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
Closing: CP435 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

### The Collect (said 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.

### Psalm 33.1-12 (Please join in the bold text)

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, for it is good for the just to sing praises.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the Lord with the lyre; on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Sing for him a new song; play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

<sup>4</sup> **For the word of the Lord is true and all his works are sure.**

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

<sup>7</sup> He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin and lays up the deep in his treasury.

<sup>8</sup> **Let all the earth fear the Lord; stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.**

<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; he frustrates the designs of the peoples.**

<sup>11</sup> But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.

<sup>12</sup> **Happy the nation whose God is the Lord and the people he has chosen for his own.**

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 4.13-end

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against

hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup>Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

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

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' <sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**