

Notices & Community News

Save the date: Much Hadham Harvest Festival is on 11 October – service in church at 9:15 am with lunch in the Village Hall 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm.

Little Hadham Harvest collection: we are collecting items for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. Please bring along to our service on Sunday 18 October.

Evening Service: there will be no more Evening Worship after today, until April 2027

Weekly one-page update of services and events in the Benefice is available. Email the office with the subject line “**add me to weekly update**” if wanted.

Afternoon Tea:

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

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Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 4 October 2026

Trinity 18 (Proper 22)

St Mary's Church, Albury

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

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Service

Celebrant: Revd Tayo Wale Falope

Our Next Services

TODAY. 5:00 - 5:30 pm

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

Music & Personal Reflection

Sunday 11 October. 9:15 am Trinity 19

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham
Harvest Festival

Sunday 18 October. 9:15 am Trinity 20

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham
Harvest Festival

Thursday 22 October. 10:00 am

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham
Midweek Eucharist (BCP)

Sunday 25 October. 9:15 am Last After Trinity

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham
Benefice Eucharist – Bible Sunday

Advance notice:

Tuesday 17 November. 11:00 am

St Elizabeth's Chapel, South End
**St Elizabeth's Day Mass & Memorial Service
for Sr Veronica Hagen**

We hold before God:



David Stroud	John Elton-Barratt
Jenny Fennell	Sheila Rowntree
Julian Lewthwaite	Ann Feather

And the bereaved families of:

John Cragg Paul Prosser
Dr Natalie Jennings

In loving memory (October):

John Baker 3 October 2009

*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: CP270 Come Ye Thankful People Come

Gradual: CP497 Let All The World In Every Corner Sing

Offertory: CP275 We Plough The Fields And Scatter

Closing: CP503 Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Readings

Psalm 65 (*Please join in the bold text*)

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

² **To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.**

³ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.

⁴ **With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

⁵ In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.

⁶ **You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.**

⁷ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

⁸ **You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.**

⁹ The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

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

2 Corinthians 9:6-end

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to

the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

Luke 12:16-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' ²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ