

## Notices & Community News

**Confirmation:** email the office if you would like to be confirmed on 20 September at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Candidates will need to provide a letter for the Bishop – details on content available from the office.

**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.

**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. More details to follow.

### **Afternoon Tea:**

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

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Albury Parochial Church Council  
Sort code: 20-36-98  
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Much Hadham Parochial Church Council  
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**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Sunday 13 September 2026**

**Trinity 15 (Proper 19)**

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

*We Are Living God's Love*

**Today's Service**

*Celebrant: Revd Tayo Wale Falope*



**There is a hearing loop system in place**

### **Our Next Services**

**Sunday 20 September. 9:15 am Trinity 16**

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

**Benefice Holy Communion**  
**& Pet Service**

**Thursday 24 September. 10:00 am**

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

**Midweek Eucharist (BCP)**

**Sunday 27 September. 9:15 am Trinity 17**

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

**Benefice Holy Communion**

**Sunday 4 October. 9:15 am Trinity 18**

St Mary's Church, Albury

**Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 4 October. 5:00-5:30 pm**

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

**Said Eucharist**

**Sunday 11 October. 9:15 am Trinity 19**

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

**Harvest Festival**

### **We hold before God:**



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

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

|                     |              |
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| John Cragg          | Paul Prosser |
| Dr Natalie Jennings |              |

#### **In loving memory (September):**

Kathleen Lilian Critoph – 26 Sep 2025  
Meryl Hart – 14 Sep 1994

*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: A&M 648 God of Grace & God of Glory

Gradual: A&M 649 God of Mercy, God of Grace

Offertory: A&M 587 Amazing Grace \*v6

Closing: A&M 748 O Jesus I Have Promised \*v2

### The Collect (said together)

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

#### **Psalm 103.1-13** *(Please join in the bold text)*

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me  
bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his  
benefits;**

<sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your sins and heals all your  
infirmities;

<sup>4</sup> **Who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you  
with faithful love and compassion;**

<sup>5</sup> Who satisfies you with good things, so that your  
youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for  
all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> He made his ways known to Moses and his works to  
the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to  
anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his  
anger for ever.

<sup>10</sup> **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor  
rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great  
is his mercy upon those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup> **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set  
our sins from us.**

<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children, so is the  
Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

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 14.1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the  
purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe  
in eating anything, while the weak eat only  
vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those  
who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass  
judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed  
them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgement on servants of  
another? It is before their own lord that they stand or  
fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to  
make them stand. <sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better  
than another, while others judge all days to be alike.  
Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those

who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord.  
Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since  
they give thanks to God; while those who abstain,  
abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.  
<sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to  
ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die,  
we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or  
whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end  
Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of  
both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass  
judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do  
you despise your brother or sister? For we will all  
stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is  
written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow  
to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' <sup>12</sup> So  
then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

#### **Matthew 18.21-35**

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

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another  
member of the church sins against me, how often  
should I forgive? As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus said  
to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven  
times. <sup>23</sup> 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may  
be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts  
with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one  
who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to  
him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him  
to be sold, together with his wife and children and all  
his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the  
slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have  
patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup>  
And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released  
him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave,  
as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves  
who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by  
the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup> Then his  
fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have  
patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup> But he  
refused; then he went and threw him into prison until  
he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow-slaves saw  
what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and  
they went and reported to their lord all that had taken  
place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him,  
"You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because  
you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had  
mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup>  
And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured  
until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly  
Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not  
forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**