Notices

Every service is a "Family Service". Children of all ages are welcome and will have something to help us out with if they want to. Carrying the cross, the offering plate round, even giving us lovely sounds of baby chatter (it's not crying to us). There is a children's corner too.

Baptism does not have to wait, kindly contact us to fix a date.

In Our Community: News & Events

In loving memory

If you have someone you would like remembered on the pew sheet during September, please email details to the office: muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

Reminder: Bike 'n Hike Saturday 13 September See the 'Bike 'n Hike' website for more details: https://bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/

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 meet on Tuesdays in term time 9.30- 11.30 in Much Hadham Village Hall.

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Sunday 7 September 2025 Trinity 12 (Proper 18) @ 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 Tayo Wale Falope

Looking Ahead: September

This evening 5-5:30 pm

Benefice Said Eucharist
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 14 September 2025 9:15 am Trinity 13

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 21 September 2025 9:15 am Trinity 14

Benefice Pet Service

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

5-5:30 pm

Benefice Expressive Worship
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Bible Study @ The Rectory

Thursday 11, 18 & 25 September 2025. 8 pm

(Email muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com to book.)

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Saggers Peter Radley
David Stroud Joanne Luxford
Tamsin Farrell Marj Ellis

And the bereaved families of:

Nigell D'Oyly

In loving memory (September):

Meryl Hart 14 September 1994 Alexander C Bayford 9 September 2024

The best thing that can be said of the future is that it can only come a day at a time.

Dean Acheson

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP398 Christ Triumphant Ever Reigning Gradual: CP431 From All That Dwell Below The Skies Offertory: CP582 Take Up Thy Cross The Saviour Said Closing: CP432 From Heaven You Came Helpless Babe

We Pray The Collect Together:

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We Listen To God's Word

Psalm 139.1 - 7

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ² You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.
- ⁶ Where can I go then from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

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

Philemon 1 - 21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you,

but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25 - 33

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

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Praise be to you O Christ

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.