

## 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

### **Quiet Place for 24-7 Prayer at St Thomas'**

Take time away from the noise of life to pray here - St Thomas' Church, Perry Green, SG10 6DZ during the first week of September. Book a private one hour slot via <https://tinyurl.com/bde564kw>

### **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](mailto: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/>

**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.

## Benefice Contact Details

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### **Our Priest-in-Charge:**

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**Sunday 31 August 2025**

**Trinity 11 (Proper 17)**

**@ 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: Rev'd Tayo Wale Falope***

### **Looking Ahead: August**

**Sunday 7 September 2025.**

**9:15 am:** Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Mary's Albury  
**5-5:30 pm:** Benefice Said Eucharist  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 14 September 2025. 9:15 am**

Benefice Holy Communion  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Sunday 21 September 2025.**

**9:15 am:** Benefice Pet Service  
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham  
**5-5:30 pm:** Benefice Expressive Worship  
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

**Bible Study: Every Thursday in September @ 8pm.**  
Email [muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com](mailto:muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com) to book.

### **Please Keep In Our Prayers:**



Stuart Sagers  
David Stroud  
Tamsin Farrell

Peter Radley  
Joanne Luxford  
Marj Ellis

**And the bereaved families of:**

Penelope Wrong, Nigell D'Oyly

**In loving memory (August):**

Keith Mullender 9 August 2024

***Food For Thought!***  
**A BURDEN CARRIED AS A CROSS CAN  
BECOME LIGHT**  
***Cardinal Basil Hume***

### **Our Hymns for this service are:**

Opening: A&M 663 How Shall I Sing That Majesty

Gradual: A&M 494 I The Lord of Sea and Sky

Offertory: A&M 729 My God How Wonderful Thou Art

Closing: A&M Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

### **We Pray The Collect Together:**

**God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

### **We Listen To God's Word**

#### **Psalms 81.1 - 11**

<sup>1</sup> Sing merrily to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> **Take up the song and sound the timbrel, the tuneful lyre with the harp.**

<sup>3</sup> Blow the trumpet at the new moon, as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.

<sup>4</sup> **For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob,**

<sup>5</sup> The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>6</sup> **I heard a voice I did not know, that said: 'I eased their shoulder from the burden; their hands were set free from bearing the load.**

<sup>7</sup> 'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and proved you at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup> **'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup> 'There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup> **'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'**

<sup>11</sup> But my people would not hear my voice and Israel would not obey me.

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**

#### **Hebrews 13.1 - 8, 15 - 16**

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember

those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what

you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1, 7 - 14**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

<sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**

#### **Post Communion**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.