## In Our Community: News & Events Bishop's Stortford Food Bank

The Food Bank is short of the following items at the moment: tinned soup; tinned beans; peanut butter; Angel Delight or Rice Pudding; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; fruit juice and crisps or savoury snacks. If you can help, please drop the items to the Food Bank at the back of the Methodist Church, 34 South Street.

# Bike 'n Hike Saturday 13 September

Get sponsored to take part and have a great day out visiting beautiful churches. All money raised is divided equally between your own church and the Trust to give grants to repair churches and chapels in Beds and Herts.

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

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# Sunday 13 July 2025 Trinity 4 (Proper 10) @ St Cecilia's Little Hadham 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:

Little Hadham Parochial Church Council Sort code: 20-36-98 A/C No. 80588806



## Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Tayo Wale Falope

# Looking Ahead: July

Thursday 17 & 24 July 2025. 8 pm Bible Study @ home of Mark & Sue Stephens (email The Rectory to book)

# Sunday 20 July 2025.

9:15 am: Benefice Holy Communion
@ St Mary's Albury
5-5:30 pm: Benefice Blessing the Pets
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

#### Thursday 24 July 2025. 10 am Mid-week communion

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

## Sunday 27 July 2025. 9:15 am Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

# Please Keep In Our Prayers:



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

And the bereaved families of: Ken Twort, Lilian Rees, Siwan Hall, Penelope Wrong

Food For Thought! TO BE ABLE TO GO WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE WAY GOD IS LEADING US IS FAITH. TO DO IT WITHOUT ILL-WILL REVEALS GOD TO OTHER PEOPLE. Georgette Butcher

## Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: CP260 Morning Has Broken Gradual: CP2 Christ Whose Glory Fills The Sky Offertory: CP393.Brother Sister Let Me Serve You Closing: CP449. God of Mercy, God Grace

## We Pray The Collect Together:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## We Listen To God's Word

## <u>Psalm 82</u>

<sup>1</sup> God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

<sup>2</sup> 'How long will you judge unjustly and show such favour to the wicked?

<sup>3</sup> 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan; defend the right of the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup> 'Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> 'They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on still in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> 'Therefore I say that though you are gods and all of you children of the Most High,

<sup>7</sup> 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like one of their princes.'

<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God and judge the earth, for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.

## Colossians 1.1 - 14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellowservant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all

spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

## Gospel Reading: Luke 10.25 - 37

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

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup> He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup> He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup> He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Praise be to you O Christ

## Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.