

Notices & Community News

Bible Study: Joseph: From Pit to Palace: Exploring Joseph's journey of faith, adversity, & forgiveness.

8, 15, 22 & 29 July 7:45pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Mark & Sue Stephens' home

To book or for further details, please email:

muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

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

Afternoon Tea:

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

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group:

Tuesdays (term time) 9:30-11:30 am, Much Hadham Village Hall.

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Sunday 5 July 2026

Trinity 5

St Mary's Church, Albury

The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham

& Much Hadham

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Service

Sermon in Conversation: Women In Ministry

With Canon Teresa Waynne – Guest Speaker

Celebrant: Revd Tayo Wale Falope

Our Next Services

Saturday 11 July, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Hymns & Pimm's

Sunday 12 July, 9:15 am Trinity 6

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sermon in Conversation: Surviving Genocide

Guest Speaker: Antoinette Mutabazi

Survivor of the Rwandan genocide

Sunday 12 July, 7:30 pm

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

The King's Men Concert

See website for ticket

details or scan QR code



Sunday 19 July. 9:15 am

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

Sermon in Conversation: The Call of God

Sunday 19 July. 5:00 pm

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

Blessing The Pets

We hold before God:



David Stroud

Jenny Fennell

John Elton-Barratt

Sheila Rowntree

And the bereaved families of:

Madeline Bazley

Robert Smith

John Cragg

In loving memory (July):

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: CP507 Lord of All Hopefulness

Offertory: CP581 Take My Life And Let It Be

Closing: CP503 Lord Dismiss US With Thy Blessings

The Collect (said together)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Benefice Prayer (said together)

Almighty God, who calls us with Andrew to come and see your Son: give us hearts like Mary to magnify the Lord, faith like Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God," and joy like Cecilia to sing to you a new song; that our churches of St Andrew, St Mary, St Thomas and St Cecilia may proclaim your love and faithfully serve our communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Joshua 2:1-6,8-9,12-13

¹Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. ²The king of Jericho was told, 'Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.' ³Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.' ⁴But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, 'True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from.' ⁵And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.' ⁶She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof.

⁸ Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men: 'I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you.

¹² Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the Lord that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith ¹³ that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers

and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Rahab was spared when Jericho fell. This woman, once considered an outsider, became part of God's people and was later named among the ancestors of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:1-5,7-10

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

When Christ rose from the dead, the first witnesses of the Resurrection and the first bearers of that good news were women.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

