

Notices & Community News

Much Hadham Open Gardens Day

Open Garden Day on Sunday 28 June, 11:30 am to 5 pm. Gardens large and small will be open, mainly with easy access to the High Street. A chance to enjoy the historic village. Entrance fee is £7.50, with accompanied children free. Registration and free car parking is at the Village Hall, as well as refreshments available.

Afternoon Tea:

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

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group:

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

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Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 10 May 2026

Easter 6

St Andrew's Much Hadham

**The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham
& Much Hadham**

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Canon Stephen Fielding



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

Tonight, 6 pm

Rogation Walk (From The Ford, Much Hadham)

Thursday 14 May, 7:30 pm Ascension Day

Benefice Holy Communion
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sunday 17 May, 9:15 am Easter 7

Benefice Holy Communion
St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Sunday 24 May, 9:15 am Pentecost

Benefice Holy Communion
St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Thursday 28 May, 10 am

Benefice Midweek Communion
St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

Sunday 31 May, 9:15 am Trinity

Benefice Holy Communion
St Thomas, Perry Green

Sunday 7 June 2026, 9:15 am – Trinity 1

Benefice Holy Communion
St Mary's Albury

5:00-5:30 pm

Said Eucharist (BCP 1662)
St Andrew's Much Hadham

We hold before God:

David Stroud John Elton-Barratt



And the bereaved families of:

Myles Stephens Stuart Saggars
Gillian Clinch Maggie Smith

In loving memory (May):

*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 and God of Glory
Gradual: A&M 696 Jesus Where're Thy People Meet
Offertory: A&M 725 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
Closing: A&M 650 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Collect (said together)

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Psalm 66.7-End (*Please join in the bold text*)

⁷ Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸ **Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.**

⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹⁰ **You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

¹² **I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

¹³ I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

¹⁴ **Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.**

¹⁵ I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁶ **If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me,**

¹⁷ But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

¹⁸ **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from 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**

Acts 17.22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and

looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." ²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.' This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 14.15-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.