

## Notices & Community News

**Save the date:** Much Hadham Harvest Festival is on 11 October – service in church at 9:15 am with lunch in the Village Hall 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm. More details to follow.

**Weekly one-page update of services and events in the Benefice** is available. Email the office with the subject line “**add me to weekly update**” if wanted.

### **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.

### **Benefice Contact Details**

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Much Hadham Parochial Church Council  
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## **Sunday 20 September 2026** **Trinity 16 (Proper 20) – Pet Service** **St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham** **The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham** **& Much Hadham**

*We Are Living God's Love*

### **Today's Service**

*Celebrant: Revd Robert Riley-Braleay*



**There is a hearing loop system in place**

### **Our Next Services**

**Thursday 24 September. 10:00 am**

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

**Midweek Eucharist (BCP)**

**Sunday 27 September. 9:15 am Trinity 17**

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

**Benefice Holy Communion**

**Sunday 4 October. 9:15 am Trinity 18**

St Mary's Church, Albury

**Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 4 October. 5:00-5:30 pm**

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

**Said Eucharist**

**Sunday 11 October. 9:15 am Trinity 19**

St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham

**Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 18 October. 9:15 am Trinity 20**

St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham

**Harvest Festival**

### **We hold before God:**



|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| David Stroud      | John Elton-Barratt |
| Jenny Fennell     | Sheila Rowntree    |
| Julian Lewthwaite |                    |

### **And the bereaved families of:**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| John Cragg          | Paul Prosser |
| Dr Natalie Jennings |              |

### **In loving memory (September):**

Kathleen Lilian Critoph – 26 Sep 2025  
Meryl Hart – 14 Sep 1994

*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: CP401 Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

Offertory: CP253 For The Beauty of The Earth

Closing: CP262 - O Lord My God

### The Collect (said together)

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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.

### We bless our pets. (said together)

May God who created you and delights in all his creation bless you, keep you safe, and may you continue to bring joy and companionship to those who care for you. Amen.

## Readings

### Psalm 148.7-13 *(Please join in the bold text)*

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing;**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.

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**

## Colossians 1.15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Matthew 6.25-26

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> 'Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you O Christ**

## Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

