

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.

Bike 'n Hike 14 September 2024

Bike 'n Hike is a fun day out where you get sponsored to visit beautiful historic churches by cycling, walking, or any mode of transport on a route of your choice.

For more information and sponsorship forms, visit

<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 will be meeting on **Tuesdays** (changed from Thursdays) in term time 9.30- 11.30 in Much Hadham Village Hall. Our first session after the summer break is on 10 September.

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Sunday 8 September 2024 **15th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)** **@ St Mary's Albury** **for** **The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham** **& Much Hadham.** **We Are Living God's Love.**

Tayo will be leading us in worship. Please stay for tea / coffee & catching up after the service.

Looking Ahead This Month:

16th Sunday after Trinity, Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday, 15 September 2024. 9:15 am
@ St Andrew's Much Hadham.

NO MESSY CHURCH 21 SEPTEMBER 2024

17th Sunday after Trinity, Benefice Pet Service
Sunday, 22 September 2024. 9:15 am
@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham.

18th Sunday after Trinity, Benefice Harvest Communion
Sunday, 29 September 2024. 9:15 am
@ St Mary's Albury.

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening CP 398 Christ Triumphant Ever Reigning
Gradual Hymn CP 469 I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say
Offertory CP 555 Praise My Soul The King of Heaven
Closing CP 604 Through All The Changing Scenes

We Pray The Collect Together:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

We Listen To God's Word

James 2.1–10 11–13 14–17 [Bible p 334 large print]

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, have a seat here, please, while to the one who is poor you say, Stand there, or, Sit at my feet, ⁴ have you not

made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, You shall not commit adultery, also said, You shall not murder. Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.] ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Psalm 146 [Bible p 832 large print]

¹ Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

² **Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them.**

³ When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.

⁴ **Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

⁶ **Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.**

⁷ The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

⁸ **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;**

⁹ The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel Mark 7.24-End

[Bible p 62 large print]

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs. ²⁸ But she answered him, Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs. ²⁹ Then he said to her, For saying that, you may go-the demon has left your daughter. ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer:

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord

Please Keep In Our Prayers:

Stuart Sagers

Margaret Radley

Peter Radley

David Stroud

Malcolm Rosburgh

Joanne Luxford

And the bereaved families of:

Keith Mullender

Laura Woollard