

HADLEIGH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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The vision of Hadleigh URC is
to challenge the community to respond to God's love
as shown and taught by Jesus Christ.



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WORSHIP IN HADLEIGH

Services led by Revd. Jim Dalgleish unless otherwise noted)

Sun 6th 10.30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion
and Renewal of Promises led by Jim and Nigel

Sun 13th 10.30Cafe Service with Baptism of Chloe Elmer

Sun 20th 10.30Morning Worship with the Revd John
Marsh, Moderator of General Assembly

3.00pm Civic Service, St Mary's Church

Sun 27th 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving for all ages

3.30pm Worship at Friars Hall (ecumenical)

WEEKDAY MEETINGS

Tuesday 10 - 11.30 Pause for Prayer - Come in for Coffee

Thursday 9.45 am Toddler Group) Term time
10.00 am Refreshments) only

Monks Eleigh URC

Sun 13th 3pm Mr. R. Howson

Tues 15th 8pm Prayer & Praise

Sun 27th 3pm Harvest Praise

Church Meeting

Monday 7th September, 7.30pm

We meet in early September to continue to discuss and make decisions about the future of our life together. There is much to share about our mission and life together. The meeting is open to all and it is important for as many as possible to be there. *Jim*

FROM THE MANSE

Holiday Club

Holiday Club was a great time for people of all ages and experiences to work together to learn more about God and his plans for our lives.

The theme was based on a text from Jeremiah 29.11-12

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

We used the story of Daniel and the lions and God's gift of Jesus to share how God works out his plans in our lives. It is a story of great strength and comfort for those who are facing times of great difficulty and uncertainty.

We are aware that God doesn't often make a habit of closing the mouths of lions, but our faith isn't about God taking away all of the problems of this world. It is about love, God's love in Jesus and our love for Jesus, conquering the pain and evil of the world so that there is hope for each day and for God's future.

Our hope for each day is not that we simply have an easy time and get through it. Our hope is that somehow, by God's Spirit working in us, we will be able to express the love that God has for us in a way that brings love into the lives of those around us.

Daniel trusted in God for his future. Jesus is God's sign that we too can trust in God, whatever the future may hold.

It is wonderful what you learn at Holiday Club!

Yours in Christ,

Jim.

Do you think you are insignificant?

Then think again –

Come along to **A-Z of the Old Testament**,
as we look at some characters
who only appear for a few verses
yet made a big difference
to the course of events.

Monday 21st September, 7.30pm
venue to be decided – phone **Milly** (827895).

Vision4Life

We meet on Wednesday 16th September, 7.30pm at 6
Raven Way
when we will be considering our entry for the “Peace Is”
Festival. All welcome.

Milly. (827895)

Keep Collecting Loose Change

For Build Africa – the charity supported by Sunday Club

Loose coins can be given at any time to **Hilary Crisp**
(822208), or the Sunday Club Staff.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH TRAIDCRAFT

If you would like to be part of a team organising Traidcraft sales after morning service once a month, please let me know. You may remember that we used to get our stock from St Mary’s Church but this is no longer possible. However, we will be able to order goods from the Fair Trade Shop in Ipswich. This will be easier than ordering them directly from Traidcraft. I should normally be able to pick the stock up myself, but it would be helpful if somebody else could return it to the shop. Also help will be needed to run the stall – setting up, selling the goods and making sure the correct money is returned to the Fair Trade Shop. If you can help I would love to hear from you. *Jan*

A visit by the Moderator of General Assembly

Sunday 20th

We are very pleased to have the Moderator of the General Assembly of the URC coming to share in leading our worship on this Sunday morning. The Moderator, John Marsh, is a retired Minister who most recently served in Norwich. He was elected to be Moderator (nominal head) of the URC for a two year period, 2008-2010.

He has agreed to share in our morning service on Sunday the 20th and will, among other things, be preaching the sermon. It is also intended that our Explorer's Group will take a part in this service.

I would encourage everyone to try to be present to share in this time of worship. **Jim.**

Thursday Group

There will be no group session in September due to holidays!

We will meet again on 1st October (1st Thursday) @ 7.30pm in the Community Room.

A Mr Terry Crisp will be speaking of his experiences as a Christian Town Pastor in Ipswich.

All welcome. The talk will be followed by refreshments.

All welcome. Any queries please phone **Phil** 827370



Scarecrow Festival

Watch out for this year's Scarecrow Festival in Layham—check with Rachel for details and look out for the leaflets in the church or further information in Hadleigh Community News.

Sunday 6th September

It will be good to see as many as possible present at the start of a new church year to commit to God and to one another. We will be renewing the following promises:-

The promises are based on the understanding of our **FAITH,**

Family: We, as children of God, promise to love and to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ, as we are able.

Adoration: We, confessing our faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, promise to worship and adore him as our creator, redeemer and the giver of life.

Inspiration: We turn to God to confess our sins and, trusting in his grace, to receive forgiveness, guidance and inspiration for our lives.

Tell: We promise, by that same grace, to be faithful witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Heal: And again by that same grace, we promise to allow Jesus to lead us into the works of healing and reconciliation he has planned for us.

The early part of the service will be led by Nigel, while I speak to the older Sunday Club and younger Explorers about our Christian faith. Parents of those children are very welcome to come and take part in this discussion. There have been questions about children and Communion, but we will cover any topics that are of interest to children or parents.

All ages will then come together for Renewal of Promises, Promotion of those going up to Explorers and then to share in Communion. **Jim.**

BITS and SMALLS

'Out and About'

Milly is at Saxmundham URC on 20th
Nigel is at Sudbury URC on 13th

Remember the
Church Coop
Dividend number:
2295

Joyce and Frank
would like to thank everyone
who sent cards or messages
in celebration of their Diamond
Wedding Anniversary which
took place on the 20th August.
A total donation of £400 has
been sent to the British Heart
Foundation. Thanks

THANKS!!

I would like to say a big
'thank you' to everyone who,
during my recent spell in hospital,
remembered me in their prayers,
visited me and sent such lovely
cards. It was all greatly
appreciated.

Jill Taylor

KENWOOD FOOD PROCESSOR MINUS LID LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

I have a Kenwood food processor Fp 103 series whose
lid is broken, but otherwise in perfect condition. Anyone
who has a similar defunct food processor which but
with a perfect lid might like my machine! Joyce Wells

Please could you let me have all items for the
Oct 2009 Newsletter by **Sunday 20th Sept?**
Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to 11
Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh or use the red
envelope/wallet in the Church. If items for
typing can be in before then, it will help!
Thanks, Phil (827878)

Please send in
People for
prayer each
month too,
otherwise I
have to guess

Prayer Page

PEOPLE FOR PRAYER

Dot Chenery Blanche Ransome Sheila Baker
Ruth Gleed Tony Crowe Peggy Crabtree
Betty Beer Dorothy Double Violet Hines
Jane Leatrice

(Please updates to Phil W)

Prayer Points for September

All starting new jobs, schools, colleges, etc. especially those whose future is unsure at the moment.

Kenya – for those returned from the New Hope Centre and for the Coffee Morning on the 5th

5 September – Mary Playford's (student here 2 summers ago!) ordination and Induction to the West Suffolk Area Partnership

6 September – Renewal of Promises and Promotions

7 September – Church Meeting and the decisions we need to make about our work and witness together

13 September – Chloe Elmer and her family and friends as she comes for baptism at our Cafe Service

19 September – for a good time of fellowship for those who go on the outing to Norwich

20 September – Our worship - the Revd John Marsh, Moderator of URC General Assembly will preach

26-27 September – That many will come and share in the thanksgiving to God for his unfailing goodness

An enthusiastic start for all our church activities in this new year – study groups, Youthworker project, building plans etc

Any questions?

If you are the parent of a child in Sunday Club or Explorers between the ages of about 8 and 13 years and have questions about how young people fit into the Church and particularly the URC, then there is going to be an opportunity to ask those questions on the morning of Sunday 6th September. They might be about baptism, communion, confirmation, membership or any other topic that you have questions about.

During the first 45 minutes or so of the service the young people of those ages, and any parents who want to join in, will meet with me in the Community Room. (Nigel will be leading the service at this time.) We can cover any subjects of interest to the young people and their parents.

At the appropriate time we will join the main service, as will all of the other young people and their leaders. We will then all share in the Renewal of Promises (see article elsewhere), promotion of those going from Sunday Club to Explorers and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you want to know more, please speak to me. Otherwise just turn up in the Community Room for 10.30am on Sunday 6th.

Jim.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 1st November 2.30 - 4.30 Partnership Social at Stowmarket. I will be putting a list on the notice board for offers of transport and those needing transport.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September 10am - 12 noon in the Ansell Centre. Coffee and scones £1 Home made cake stall and gift stall. Please support us.

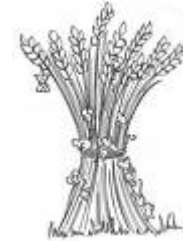
Sylvia

Come and Join in the Harvest Celebrations!

Harvest Supper – Saturday 26th Sept. 6.00pm

This is an opportunity to get together for a Bring and Share Supper and a Barn Dance.

Come to enjoy the food and the friendship.
Come to dance
or come to listen to the music and
entertainment.



We will gather from 6.00pm in the Ansell Centre
for supper at about 6.30pm.

Please bring a contribution of food to share for the supper.

Soft drinks will be provided,
but bring your own bottle, if you wish!

And why not bring along a friend?

Harvest Thanksgiving Service – Sunday 27th 10.30am

This is our opportunity to give thanks to God for his unfailing love and goodness to us. We will celebrate with traditional and modern harvest songs of thanksgiving. We will welcome our local Scout Group to join us in this all-age service.

We will have an opportunity to show our thanks to God by bringing gifts.

Gifts of produce will go to local friends or to the Sue Ryder Home at Chantry.

Gifts of money will go to Commitment for Life.
This is the work of the URC with Christian Aid.
We specifically support projects in Bangladesh.

Bring yourself, bring your gift and bring a friend, so that together we can give our thanks to God for his great generosity to us.

Jim.

Baptism and Bring and Share!

It is always exciting when someone we've watched grow in faith comes to the point of making their own profession of faith.

Chloe Elmer has been a dedicated member of Sunday Club and Explorers and she has decided that she wants to commit her life to Jesus. This means that she is to be baptised and will make her promises to God.

We, as her local church, will also make promises to God of our support for Chloe. So do try to be part of this wonderful occasion.

Sunday 13th September – in the Ansell Centre for

A Cafe Service with Baptism.

Coffee will be served from 10.00am.

Worship will start at 10.30am

and will be for all ages

finishing around 11.15am.

It will be followed by

A Bring and Share Lunch

Everyone is encouraged to stay on for a Bring and Share lunch, a time when we can be the church family together, supporting Chloe on this important day in her life.

Baptism is a powerful witness of God working in the lives of his people. Why not pray about who you might invite to this service? ***Jim.***

I thought that being faithful was about becoming someone other than who I was, in other words, and it was not until this project failed that I began to wonder if my human wholeness might be more useful to God than my exhausting goodness.

- Barbara Brown Taylor, *Leaving Church*

**What do you think ...
... about any topic ...
... over a drink?**

After our summer break we will meet on September 23rd, when there will be no set topic. Come along to listen to what is on the minds of others or bring your own thoughts on a subject of interest. All topics are welcome, even religion and politics.

This is an informal discussion group for men, who want to talk about important issues. Come and enjoy a drink and air your 'Pints of View'! We don't expect to have all the answers, but we do enjoy learning from the different insights that we each bring.

Simply turn up to see what is going on.

Next meeting:

**8.00pm Wednesday 23rd September
The George Public House (back room)**

All welcome!

For more information, contact **Jim** (827895).

Scrabble club

Well done all you scrabblers. I did not realise how many of you are so clever with words. Don't forget, you are welcome to play scrabble on Saturdays between 2 pm and 4 pm. Another exercise for you. A clue - this is quite topical at the present time.

Y A H I L O D R H E W T A E Two words
seven letters each.

Happy solving. Barbara

BIBLE A MONTH CLUB

Sri Lanka's churches are pleading for the Bible. Just a few weeks ago the bitter long-running conflict involving the "Tamil" Tigers finally came to an end. You can imagine how the people of Sri Lanka have been impacted by a war that has claimed more than 70,000 lives and driven 300,000 people from their homes. With 25 years of civil war now at an end, this land is a mass of confused emotion. Joy and euphoria mingle with trauma and grief - leaving people in urgent need of all that the Bible can bring. Indeed, church leaders in Sri Lanka know this is an opportunity to see lives rebuilt by the truth and power of God's word. And they are appealing for our help to seize this moment. This urgent appeal came directly from the General Secretary of the Ceylon Bible Society in Sri Lanka, Lakshani Fernando. She is very clear. There is an overwhelming need and demand for the Bible. With God's help and your continued support, we will answer this call.

Lakshani says they need shelter. Yes, they need food and relief agencies are working to make this happen, but she assures us the first thing many ask for is the Bible. That's because so many of them are from the Christian community and their Bibles have been lost or destroyed. Sri Lanka is officially a Buddhist nation, with Christians numbering about seven in every 100 people. But it's widely reported that Tamil Christians number twice that. God is at work. Lakshani's team is actively involved in providing vital spiritual nourishment. They do so alongside agencies providing food, shelter and clothing, doing what only Bible Society can do.

The God of life summons us to life; more, to be lifegivers, especially toward those who lie under the heel of the powers.

- Daniel Berrigan, Jesuit priest, poet, and peace activist

“Peace is ...” is Coming Soon (22-25 Oct)

An opportunity to help create our church family display for this event:-

- 1) – collect magazine pictures, photos etc. of scenes you think are peaceful (black & white or colour)
- 2) – come along on Tues 29th Sept, 1-3pm in church to help prepare for our display (bring your paper cutting scissors)
- 3) – Sunday 18 Oct. – after morning service, bring your collected pictures to add to our display (give them to us before, if you cannot be there on the day)

Intrigued? Need to know more?

Contact us – **Solange Tene, Milly Dagleish** (827895).

Do you like your photo?

Most people like their photos on the board in the vestibule to remain for years – it somehow halts the ageing process!

Those who are younger may prefer to change their photo more frequently.

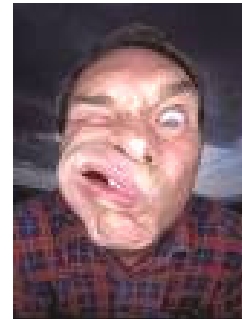
It's good to have these photos on display – they help newcomers and visitors to more easily put a face to a name.

SO – IF you'd prefer a new photo

IF you're new to the church family

Please either – provide a photo of yourself/your family group
(14 x 10cm max.)

or ask me to take your photo.



Thank you,

Milly.

Holiday Club ...

... has come and gone and we give thanks to God for his inspiration and guidance.

For various reasons we felt led to plan the club differently this year – never easy when we are being asked to step outside the comfort zone of the familiar.

However it turned out to be a wonderful example of children and adults of all ages being together and discovering more of God's plan for our lives through drama and related activities culminating in a "show" for parents and friends.

Leaders and helpers drawn from previous clubs and from those fairly new to our church family worked well together as a team, and we give thanks for them and to them for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Milly, Michelle, Karen and the Team.

Donations

I have recently sent the church cheques for 2008 charities and have received the following replies

From Amnesty International; Thank you for the generous donation of £701....we are currently campaigning for equality for women in Iran, and improvements on the human rights situation in China, and many other human rights violations occurring world wide.

From EPIC European Partners in Christ. Thank you for your cheque for £702. I have been looking at ways we could help a Pastor in Bulgaria who has almost finished building a small medical centre attached to his church and he needs equipment for doctors and dentists' surgery. Your gift will go a long way towards obtaining all he needs and transporting it to him.

It is good to know we are supporting these very worthy causes. *Sylvia*

Guild Report

The Guild outing to Dunwich took place on Saturday August 1st, and after a pleasant drive we enjoyed fish and chips at the beach restaurant. The younger members were able to fly their kites and then we drove to Dunwich Heath where we walked along the shore towards Minsmere. We then enjoyed tea at the National Trust cafe in the sunshine before driving home, Truly a lovely day out.

The Guild annual coffee morning in aid of Sue Ryder Care took place on Saturday August 8th. We were well supported and the stalls were well stocked and the grand sum of £160 was raised for the charity. Many thanks to all who helped in any way, to all who supported us and especially to Harold for setting up the room. Well done everyone!

SEPTEMBER OUTING

September 8th Hollow Trees Farm walk and tea. Depart 2pm

Names to Harold 2 weeks before outing for a seat in a car please.

Elizabeth

Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel; for the Lord has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land.

There is no faithfulness or loyalty, and no knowledge of God in the land.

Swearing, lying, and murder, and stealing and adultery break out; bloodshed follows bloodshed.

Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing. **Hosea 4:1-3**

My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together. **Desmond Tutu**

New Hope, Children's Centre, Kenya

supported by Hand in Hand a Christian charity based in Essex.

Chat & Coffee Morning

Sat 5th Sept

Interested in finding out more about our experiences during July & August at the orphanage?

Come along on Saturday September 5th from 10am to the community room where we shall meet up & share our experiences.

Blessings Hilary, Lisa, Ben & Katie

All welcome www.newhopechildrenscentre.org

Operation Christmas Child 2009

A project of Samaritan's Purse, bringing joy to the lives of children living in difficult circumstances.

Yes, Christmas is coming. The leaflets are in, & if you are wanting to fill a shoebox of gifts for a needy child, it's never too early to start.

The boxes send the message of hope & Christian love. The completed boxes will be collected in during our Remembrance Sunday morning service.

Happy filling & thank you for your continued support. If you need a shoebox, do ask, we have a supply. Christian blessings,

Doreen & Hilary www.samaritanspurse.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN SEPTEMBER

Tues 1st 10.15am Prayer Service, Church
10.30am Area Partnership, Stowupland URC

Wed 2nd 7.30pm Film Discussion Group, Sideways,
Station Road
7.30pm Churches Together Prayer, Salv. Army

Thur 3rd 9.45am Toddler Group, Community Room
7.30pm Christianity Explored, 6 Raven Way

Sat 5th 10.00am New Hope Coffee Morning, Com Room
2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
3.00pm Mary Playford's Induction, Whiting St URC

Mon 7th 7.30pm Church Meeting, Community Room

Tues 8th 10.15am Prayer Service, Church

Wed 9th 2.15pm Time for Tea, 5 The Granary, Wilson Rd

Thur 10th 9.45am Toddler Group, Community Room

Fri 11th 7.45pm Praise, Prayer and Fellowship, Salv Army

Sat 12th 9-6pm Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride
2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 14th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 15th 10.15am Healing Prayer Service, Church
8.00pm Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh

Wed 16th 7.30pm HYM Meeting, Salvation Army
7.30pm Vision4Life, 6 Raven Way

Thur 17th 9.45am Toddler Group, Community Room

Sat 19th 9.30-6.30 Outing to Norwich
2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Sun 20th 3.00pm Civic Service, St Mary's Church

Mon 21st 7.30pm A-Z of OT, (827895)
8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 22nd 10.15am Prayer Service, Church
 12noon Lunch Study Group, 16 Weavers Close
 Wed 23rd 2.00pm Bible Study, Whatfield, Salvation Army
 8.00pm What do you think?, The George
 Thur 24th 9.45am Toddler Group, Community Room
 Fri 25th 10-12 Macmillan Coffee Morning Ansell Centre
 Sat 26th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
 6.00pm Harvest Supper, Ansell Centre
 Mon 28th 7.30pm Worship Team, Community Room
 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
 Tues 29th 10.15am Prayer Service, Church

NEWS FROM THE ANSELL COMMUNITY CENTRE

New notice board: On one of the hottest days of the year a stalwart team from the Ansell Community Centre prepared the ground in the church garden for the erection of the new Ansell Centre notice board. The board will have to be concreted in to the ground or fixed to the wall. This may have been done by the time you read this – if not we hope it will be done very soon.

Peace is: This is the next main event being organised by the ACC with Churches Together in Hadleigh. Please see the article elsewhere in this publication.

Ansell Snacks: The next Ansell Snacks is on Wednesday 16th September. Light lunches will be served from 12 noon. Please come and enjoy a nourishing meal in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Meals cost £2 or £2.50 and include a cup of tea or coffee. Come on your own or bring a friend. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Hollywood in Hadleigh: Our September film is on Friday 25th at 7.30 pm. It is called “Easy Virtue” and is based on a Noel Coward play. More details can be found in the Community News or the cinema leaflet available from the Ansell Centre.

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