

# HADLEIGH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

WITH MONKS ELEIGH AND WHATFIELD



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2010

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)*

### Worship in Hadleigh

- Sun 1st 10.30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
led by Mr Nigel Crisp
- Sun 8th 10.30 Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb
- Sun 15th 10.30 Morning Worship
- Sun 22nd 10.30 Morning Worship  
3.30pm Worship at Angel Court (ecumenical)  
6.30pm Songs of Praise
- Sun 29th 10.30 Morning Worship with Holiday Club  
follow up for all ages led by  
Mrs Milly Dalgleish

### 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 8th 3pm Mr C Wright
- Sun 22nd 3pm Rev J Dalgleish

*There is, in a word, nothing comfortable about the Bible -- until we manage to get so used to it that we make it comfortable for ourselves. But then we are perhaps too used to it and too at home in it. Let us not be too sure we know the Bible ... just because we have learned not to have problems with it. Have we perhaps learned ... not to really pay attention to it? Have we ceased to question the book and be questioned by it? - Thomas Merton*

## FROM THE MANSE

### Relax!

Life can be a little frenetic at times. The summer break should be an opportunity to relax and take life at a slower pace. Hopefully you will find time to simply be, whether you remain at home or travel off to exotic places.

Jesus often took the opportunity to go off by himself to spend time alone with his heavenly Father. Are we too busy to just be with God? If so, are our activities so important that they take priority over time with the God who made us?

Over the last few months a new Churches Together group, Encounter, have been organising opportunities for people to simply be quiet before God and to encounter Jesus in a new way. If you have managed to take part in any of them, I hope that they have been times of refreshment and inspiration. The group will be planning further activities, so look out for those encounters.

But even more, I would urge you to find regular times and places when you can be still before God. It is vitally important to us as children of God to simply receive his love.

When you find that time to relax, it may be a good opportunity to ask why life should be so frenetic; a space to consider what is really important and what should be your priorities.

The Bible tells us that "God is love". If that is the case, then love must be a priority. That is certainly what Jesus taught – love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Perhaps in those quiet times with God you can ask him how you can make love, for self, neighbour and God, a real priority in your life.

Meanwhile, enjoy the summer and relax with God.

Yours in Christ,

**Jim.**

# Commitment for Life

Bangladesh is our special sphere of interest in the work of Christian Aid, which we support through the URC Organisation, Commitment for Life, the URC 's medium through which overseas aid is administered.

Bangladesh is one of the world's poorest countries, with little in the way of resources to help it develop, and because of its geography it is very vulnerable to cyclones and to flooding. These natural hazards have been greatly increased in the past few years because of the effects of climate change.

There have been two major cyclones in the past few years causing thousands of people to lose their homes and means of survival.

In conjunction with Christian Aid, Commitment for life has built 5 multipurpose cyclone shelters to provide safe refuge for 4,500 people. They have also helped 625 people to reconstruct their homes and revive their ability to earn a living. Women heads of households are most vulnerable as they are often alone and excluded, so they are the main target for help.

In future, help will be given to help develop resistance to natural disasters and climate change.

Commitment for Life envelopes are to be found on the table at the back of the church and may be placed with the offering on Sundays.

*The moment we choose to love we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others. That action is the testimony of love as the practice of freedom.*

*bell hooks from Outlaw Culture*

**Hadleigh United Reformed Church  
Guild**

**COFFEE MORNING**

In aid of The Children's Hospice  
**TREEHOUSE Appeal**

On Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

From 10.00 - 11.30am

In the Church Hall (Ansell Centre)

Books, Jewellery, Cakes, Produce etc.  
Coffee + Scone £1

All Welcome!

## **THURSDAY GROUP**

There will be no meeting of the Thursday Group in August, but we will be having our Songs of Praise service on Sunday 22nd August @ 6.30 pm in the Church (United Reformed)

Many of our friends will be taking part, choosing their favourite hymns, bible reading (giving reasons for their choices) also our youngsters will be taking part.

Come and join us in praising our God.

All welcome

Any queries - please phone Phil 827370

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. - Isaiah 32:16-17

## A YOUTHWORKER FOR HADLEIGH

Since the closure of East House in Hadleigh, many of the local churches have been exploring ways in which they might serve the needs of young people. Two key initiatives include the provision of a youth worker by Churches Together in Hadleigh and the start of *The Porch Project* at St Mary's. Both of these are about to progress in a new and positive way over the next few months.

A new partnership with the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, St Mary's Church and Churches Together in Hadleigh will enable the vision for a youth worker in Hadleigh to become a reality. In early 2011 an experienced youth worker and adviser will work with all the local churches, councils, police, detached youth workers and High School to listen and act on the needs of young people.

There are many practical details which are currently being discussed, including ways in which the wider community might be involved. Look out for more news over the coming months.

The Very Revd Martin Thrower - Dean at St Mary's

The Revd Jim Dagleish - Moderator for Churches Together in Hadleigh

All too often we bemoan our imperfections rather than embrace them as part of the process in which we are brought to God. Cherished emptiness gives God space in which to work. We are pure capacity for God. Let us not, then, take our littleness lightly. It is a wonderful grace. It is a gift to receive. At the same time, let us not get trapped in the confines of our littleness, but keep pushing on to claim our greatness. Remind yourself often, "I am pure capacity for God; I can be more." - Macrina Wiederkehr

HADLEIGH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,  
MARKET PLACE, HADLEIGH

*Coming soon.....*



## **HOLIDAY CLUB**

calling all 5-11 year olds  
to join in the adventure

**24, 25 August, 10-2**  
**26 August, 10-12 + picnic**

Xciting –  
games, crafts, food, bible Xplore,  
drama ... and more

To book:

Doreen 01473 827460

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e-mail [xpeditionforce@btinternet.com](mailto:xpeditionforce@btinternet.com)

***Free (donations towards costs welcome)***

### **Holiday Club**

Prep. meeting for all helpers, Monday 23  
August, 7pm onwards in church

**More details** – Milly (827895), Michelle (827757)

## Being Older

*“There are clear indications that we are living in an increasingly ageist society in which many older people are left in need of feeling affirmed and valued.”*

This was the key point for our thinking at a really helpful elders training session held in June and led by Rev Peter Ball, the Eastern Synod Training Officer. It is perhaps easy to take for granted these important latter years and the privilege it is if we are given them.

A question that was highlighted in my mind from the discussions was if we feel we have reached that time of life, have we found a peace within ourselves? Peter made the point about our spirituality: that peace is built by love, faith and hope. All three being necessary to find inner stability and tranquility. A formula for peace found in knowing Jesus.

*“...the surprisingly difficult activity of just BEING”* was another aspect of life that we touched on. In other words life can be so busy, just DOING, that the slowing down and taking time to examine the really important things in life can get neglected.

Critical questions arose. Such as: “What is our pastoral approach towards older people?” And whilst this does include visiting and caring, it includes much more. It includes recognizing and encouraging and wanting to share the wisdom and the gifts of older people. It includes ensuring that those life experiences are passed on to younger people and that the risk of one generation dominating another is recognized.

There is much more and there is a booklet, I have copies, ask me for one.

To quote from the booklet *“As a church our desire is to help people towards an understanding of Christian hope and peace in this world and the next.”*

As a next stage, and as a local church, we were encouraged to set up a forum where experiences could be shared along with

thoughts and concerns in the many aspects of being older, retired, valuing life's experiences, church family, health and death. And if you would like to explore this topic more, talk to me or one of the other elders.

Nigel

### **Church All Together – ChAT at the Irwins'**

Karen, Peter, Rebecca, Alison and Emma Irwin have kindly invited us to a gathering, a time together for all the church family in the beautiful setting of their Aldham home.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**3.30pm onwards**

**relax, join in the activities,**

**wander around the grounds,**

**shared refreshments throughout**

#### **Possible timetable of events:**

3.30pm onwards

afternoon tea for all; games for the young ones

6.00pm onwards

barbecue and entertainment – songs, stories, jokes

8.00pm 'til Sunday!

Explorers' sleepover

**Come when you can.**

**Go when you must.**

Transport available from Hadleigh.

Do keep the date free in your diary; more details next month, or from **Ann** 310169 or **Jim** 827895.

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

YES, IT'S TIME .....

TO THINK ABOUT YOUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS  
CHILD SHOEBOX

The leaflets are ordered & I will pop them into church as soon as they arrive, so you can get started on filling your box.

Do let us know if you have difficulty finding a shoebox, we have a stock & can get them covered for you too, if that helps.

The Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child project is such an easy way for us to be involved in helping children who have very different lives to children living in our own country. It gives us an opportunity to show our support to God's children living in difficult circumstances in some of the toughest parts of the world. The brightly wrapped shoeboxes filled with gifts do make such a big difference bringing love & joy into their lives.

If anyone requires wool for knitting extra scarves, hats, gloves, to go into boxes which don't have these warm items included, do let us know.

If you feel putting a box of gifts together a bit daunting we can help you. Or you may prefer to collect extra items for the project which can be added to boxes that have items missing, like toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, flannels, combs, notebooks, pens, pencils, & crayons, any would be a great help.

This year our boxes will be checked & transported from Bentley.

Thank you so much for your support.  
With Christian blessings, Doreen & Hilary  
[www.Samaritanspurse.uk.com](http://www.Samaritanspurse.uk.com)

# BITS and SMALLS

## 'Out and About'

Nigel is leading worship at Sudbury URC on 29th

Jim is on holiday 1st and 8th .

Jim is at Christchurch, Needham Market on 29th .

Milly is at Chappel URC, evening service 22nd .

A-Z and Vision4life groups are taking a break in August. Back to normal in September

## Coffee

If you enjoy coffee after church, please consider joining the rota, otherwise there may be Sundays when coffee is not available. To find out what is involved, contact **Tom** or **Jim**.

## Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in church, don't forget to sign the rota in the Vestibule. If you don't feel able to do the flower arranging, then someone can be found to do that for you. Please speak to **Mary Boon** (824200) or **Jill Cort** (82822149).

Remember the  
**Church Coop**  
Dividend number:  
**2295**

Please could you let me have all items for the Sept 2010 Newsletter by **Sunday 15th Aug** (22nd if emailed)? Email to [phil@the-wells.net](mailto:phil@the-wells.net), post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh or use the tray in the Church. Thanks, Phil

## Prayer Page

### PEOPLE FOR PRAYER

Those in residential care: Ruth Glead, Violet Hines,  
Peggy Crabtree, Alan Brooks

Those who are mourning: family and friends of Dorothy  
Double; family and friends of Shelagh Grant

For details of others who have asked for our prayers,  
please consult the blue prayer folder in church.

### Prayer Points for August in our Church

For all those on holiday, whether travelling or staying at home, that they should find time to relax and simply be in the presence of God.

Churches Together in Hadleigh (CTiH) Pray for the appointment of the Youthworker at St Mary's and the details of how that person will work with the other churches .

For all our young people who are awaiting exam results and confirmation of places in further education or job opportunities. May they know, whatever the results and whatever the future holds, that they are dearly loved children of God

Xpedition Force is our children's holiday club on 24th – 26th August. Pray for all the preparations and for children to sign up for the club. Pray that leaders and helpers may work effectively to bring God's love to the children. Pray for safety in all the activities and a real sense of fun in all they do. Pray that God will draw many to the follow-up service on the 29th.

Give thanks for the Area Partnership picnic and songs of praise, that it was a good time of fellowship and of encouragement. Pray for the way forward for the Partnership.

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Prayer pointers

Pray for the Renewal of Promises and Promotions

Sunday service at the beginning of September, that it may be a time of re-commitment to God and to one another.

## **GUILD REPORT**

Our outing to Felixstowe took place on Tuesday June 22nd. The evening was warm and sunny and after a walk along the sea front we sat down to a lovely supper at the Victoria. From the upstairs we could enjoy the sea view from one window and the sunset from the other. A truly enjoyable evening for all concerned.

On July 6th friends from the Guild visited the Manse for tea and cakes in the Manse garden. We sat in the sunshine surrounded by flowers, and enjoyed a lovely afternoon of fellowship together, Many thanks to Jim and Millie for their kind hospitality..

## **AUGUST PROGRAMME**

Aug. 7th Half day out to Dunwich and Dunwich Heath. Depart 10.30am R/D £4

Aug 14th Coffee morning in aid of the Children's Hospice Treehouse Appeal Books, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Produce and Jewellery Stalls

10 - 11.30am The Ansell Centre Coffee and scones £1

Meet at Toppesfield Car Park for Outings

Names to Harold 2 weeks before outing please

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**- 1 Corinthians 12:26-27**

## **Renewal of Promises and Promotions - Sunday 5th September**

We are planning our annual renewal of promises service on the morning of Sunday 5th September. This is a time when we can stand together and commit ourselves to the life of faith we have chosen.

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.**

This service is an opportunity for us to show that Jesus is of utmost importance in our lives. If that is true for you, please try to be present at the service. If you simply cannot be at the service for any reason (holiday, ill-health, etc), please let an Elder know **beforehand** by note or telephone, if you will nevertheless

be committing yourself to the promises. In that way we will know the full number of those in this fellowship who walk together in the service of Jesus Christ.

Also at this service we will be celebrating those who move up to Explorers, those moving on to university, college, new employment etc. It is a time of giving thanks as we journey together as the family of God.

**Jim.**

## **Suffolk Historic Churches Bicycle ride**

Is being held this year on Saturday the 11th September.

It is marvellous day out on one's bicycle, when one has the opportunity to visit some fine churches and raise money for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT). We have benefitted from them this year to the tune of £5,000 which they have contributed to the current buildings works.

Should anyone require a sponsor form please let me know.

Or should anyone like to volunteer to organise the occasion for us, please do let me know, as I am keen to pass on this little responsibility.

RTH

PS. There are many sponsored cycle rides these days, but I think that the SHCT was one of the first in this area.



*Religion (ought to be if it isn't) a great deal more than mere gratification of the instinct for worship linked with the straight-teaching of irreproachable credos. Religion must be life made true; and life is action, growth, development -- begun now and ending never.*

**- Anna Julia Cooper, from A Voice from the South**

## Themes and Readings for August

Quoting from Scripture Union our theme for August is given as: "Rescue mission: impossible? In a galaxy very close actually, the human race is in need of a loving God to rescue them." (Please note that the following reading will not always be followed exactly.) Nigel

August 1 Luke 10:25-37 "Are you sitting comfortably?"

August 8 Luke 14:15-24 "Admit one."

August 15 Luke 15:1-7 "SOS"

August 22 Luke 15:11-32 "Whatever I've done?"

August 29 Psalm 25 "Rescue me."

### SMILING

Smiling is infectious you catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today,

I started smiling too

I passed around the corner

and someone saw my grin

When he smiled I realised, I'd passed it onto him.

I thought about that smile  
and then understood its worth

A single smile just like mine,  
could travel round the earth

So, if you feel a smile begin:  
don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic quick  
and get the world infected!

Coming soon .....



**HOLIDAY CLUB**  
For all 5 - 11 year olds  
24th-26th August

**Also available for under 5's.....**

**THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 10-12**

**Drop in session for parents/carers with under 5's a chance to stay and play. Joining the Holiday Club children for a picnic at 12**

**For more details: Doreen 01473 827460**

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**e-mail [xpeditioforce@btinternet.com](mailto:xpeditioforce@btinternet.com)**

**Free (donations towards costs welcome)**



For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love. - **Galatians 5:8**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN AUGUST**

Mon 2nd 7.30pm Elders' Meeting, Community Room  
8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 3rd 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room  
10.15am Prayer Service, Church

Sat 7th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 9th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 10th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Rm  
10.15am Prayer Service, Church

Sat 14th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 16th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 17th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Rm  
10.15am Healing Prayer Service, Church

Sat 21st 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Sun 22nd 6.30pm Songs of Praise, Church

Mon 23rd 7.00pm Holiday Club Preparation

Tues 24th 10-2pm Holiday Club, Church  
10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room

Wed 25th 10-2pm Holiday Club, Church

Thurs 26th 10-12 noon Holiday Club, Church  
7.00pm ACMG, Ansell Centre

Sat 28th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 30th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 31st 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Rm  
10.15am Prayer Service, Church

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your [God] in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. - Mark 11:25

## Memory ain't what it used to be...

Fred and Vera are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up the doctor tells them that they are physically fine, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later than evening, while watching television, Fred gets up from his chair.

"Want anything while I'm in the kitchen," he asks his wife.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream," she asks, "do you think you should write it down in case you forget?"

"No, I can remember that."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries to. Maybe you should write it down, to help remember."

"I can remember fine," he says, "you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries on top".

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget, so write it down."

Irritated, Fred repeats exactly what she wants.

Twenty minutes later he returns and hands Vera a plate of bacon and egg.

She stares at the plat for a few moments.

"Where's my toast?"

Rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. - 1 Peter 4:13

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*Please contact any of the above, if you need to get in touch with one of our church family, whose address you do not know.*

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