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HADLEIGH

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



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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)

Worship in Hadleigh

- Sun 7th 10.30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion
- Sun 14th 10.30 Morning Worship for Remembrance
Sunday and Shoebox Collection led by Mr
Frank Cross
- 3.00 Civic Remembrance Service at St Mary's
- Sun 21st 10.30 Morning Worship led by Revd Ken Martin
- Sun 28th 10.30 Cafe Style worship for Advent Sunday
- 3.30 Worship at Friars Hall (ecumenical)
- 6.30 Iona Style Churches Together Advent
Service at Hadleigh URC

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 14th No Service—we will be worshipping at St
Peter's
- Tues 17th Prayer and Praise
- Sun 28th 3pm Mr R Howson

- Sun 21st 7.00pm Inspired, Church
- Mon 22nd 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
- Tues 23rd 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church
12 noon Lunch Study Group, 16 Weavers Close
- Wed 24th 2.00pm Bible Study, Whatfield SA
8.00pm What do you think?, The George
- Thurs 25th 9.45-11am Toddlers, Community Room
7.00pm Ansell Centre Management Group,
Ansell Centre
7 for 7.30pm Advent Encounter, St Joseph's Ch
- Sat 27th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
- Sun 28th 10 for 10.30am Cafe Style Advent Service,
Ansell Centre
6.30pm Iona Style Advent Service, Church
- Tues 30th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church

"So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

- Matthew 5:23-24

"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men."

- Abraham Lincoln

FROM THE MANSE

Advent

Advent literally means 'coming' or 'arrival'. We use it in church life for that period of 4 Sundays and the weeks after them that lead us to Christmas. It is therefore rightly thought of as a time of preparation for the coming of Christmas.

But Advent has a second meaning, because it is also concerned with waiting for the arrival of Christ at the second coming. Jesus promised that he would come again and in the season of Advent we think about that second coming and, while we wait, we prepare ourselves.

How do you prepare for Christmas? It is all about relationships, giving and receiving hospitality, thinking about how you can bless someone with a gift. It is about remembering and getting in touch with those who are more distant and renewing those relationships. Even 'round robins', as opposed to red robins, have a place in strengthening our ties to others.

How do you prepare for the Second Coming, especially as we don't know when it will happen nor exactly how? But we do believe that we will meet with Jesus face to face, so it is again about relationships; our relationship with Jesus. We need to be polishing that relationship.

Advent is an opportunity to reflect on the Incarnation, God coming to live among his people; a time to re-read the Christmas stories and spend time reflecting on them. Advent is a time to find space and quiet to meditate on the faithful presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

Look out for the Advent Meditations and special Advent services. Take time out to make your relationship with Jesus the most important in your life. That way you will be ready, not only for Christmas, but for Jesus when he comes again.

Yours in Christ,

Jim.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN NOVEMBER

- Mon 1st 7.30pm Elders' Meeting, Community Room
8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
- Tues 2nd 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church
7.30pm Christianity Explored (827895)
- Wed 3rd 7.30pm Churches Together, Salvation Army
7.30pm Film Discussion Group, 6 Shearman Rd
- Thurs 4th 9.45am Toddler Group, Community Room
7.30pm Thursday Group, Community Room
- Sat 6th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
- Sun 7th 7.00pm Inspired, Church
- Mon 8th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
- Tues 9th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church
- Thurs 11th 9.45am Toddler Group, Community Room
7.30pm Worship Team, 85 Angel Street
- Sat 13th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
7-8.30pm Advent Music Practice, Church
- Sun 14th 3.00pm Civic Remembrance Service, St Mary's Ch
- Mon 15th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
7.30pm Bible Study – James (827895)
- Tues 16th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Healing Prayer Service, Church
8.00pm Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh
- Wed 17th 7.30pm Vision4Life Prayer Group, 6 Raven Way
- Thurs 18th 9.45-11am Toddlers, Community Room
- Sat 20th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Reform...

... is the national magazine of the United Reformed Church. It is full of interesting articles about the Christian faith and about the Church. The cost is only £1.80 per copy and it is published 11 times a year.

If you don't receive it, but might be interested, get in touch for a sample copy and details of how to subscribe.

If you do subscribe through Naomi, please note that from next year you will have to subscribe directly, as the system is changing. See the current edition for details, although you won't need to subscribe until you have received the December edition.

Jim.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS WINDOWSILLS

Interested in decorating a windowsill at church for Christmas time to help celebrate the arrival of baby Jesus?

You will find the plan in the vestibule, so just pop your name in the relevant space on the plan.

All decorations need to be in place for our service on Sunday 12th December.

VISION4LIFE YEAR OF PRAYER

This comes to an end soon, (although we will continue praying.)

Final session - Wed. 17 November, 7.30pm at 6 Raven Way. Coming in 2011 - The Year of Evangelism - more details soon.

Contact Milly for details (827895)

for the worship of God and the gathering of his people.

Don't forget to look at our blue prayer folder and pray for those who have asked for our prayers. God may also prompt you to help them in some practical way.

What do you think ...

... about HISTORY ...

... over a drink?



If Guy Fawkes or Hitler had succeeded, how would the world be now? If the Russians hadn't backed down over the Cuban missile crisis, where would we be now? What has history taught us and what lessons should we take into the future?

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 24th November
The George Public House (back room)**

All welcome!

For more information contact Jim (827895).



Prayer Page

PEOPLE FOR PRAYER

Those who mourn—Families and friends of Alma Murcott and Richard Caddick

Those in residential care—Ruth Gleed, Violet Hines, Peggy Crabtree, Alan Brooks

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

Prayer Points for November in our Church

Three applicants for the position of Youthworker for Hadleigh have been chosen for interview early in the month. Pray for the interview process and that the right candidate may be chosen

Give thanks for the seven men who are meeting regularly to consider the Christian faith through the 'Christianity Explored' course. Pray that they will all learn more of God's love. Pray also for the many other study groups and that their faith may be strengthened through their shared journey.

Pray for those special services, which take place this month and all the plans and preparations:

14th 10.30am Remembrance & Shoe Box Collection
3.00pm Civic Remembrance at St Mary's

28th 10 for 10.30am Cafe Style Advent Service
6.30pm Iona Style Advent Service (CTiH)

Pray also for our regular Sunday morning worship, that it should draw many closer to God.

Give thanks that most of the major work to repair our buildings has been completed. There is however still much to do, so do continue to uphold those who give so much time and talent to ensure our buildings are fit

ENCOUNTER

with **Jesus** and each other

Time to pause in the midst of the Christmas rush

2 opportunities to reflect on
the coming of Jesus through

meditation prayer activities silence

Supported by Churches Together in Hadleigh
Thursday 25 November and Tuesday 14 December
at St. Joseph's Church, Long Bessels, Hadleigh

Coffee available from 7pm
ready for 7.30pm start
finished by 9pm
(but come and go as you need to.)

All welcome to either or both of these evenings.
Transport available.

Contact

Anita	Joyce	Milly
810057	823165	827895

for more details.

"Better is open rebuke than hidden love."

- Proverbs 27:5

"When you pray, move your feet."

- African Proverb

Churches Together in Hadleigh

invite you to an

Iona Advent Service

**Sunday 28th November, 6.30pm,
Hadleigh United Reformed Church**

This promises to be a feast of music, prayer and drama in a beautiful candle lit setting.

The music and worship of the Iona Community is deservedly world renowned, so do not miss this opportunity to take part.

Simply come along and join in. If you are a singer or instrumentalist who might like to be part of the churches' joint music group for this service, please get in touch or turn up for the first practice, 7.00pm Saturday 13th November in church.

Jim. (827895)



"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Luke 17:6

"Charity is no substitute for justice withheld."

- Saint Augustine

BITS and SMALLS

'Out and About'

Jim is at Christchurch, Needham Market on 14th November
and is on holiday on 21st November.

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**

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**.

Please could you let me have all items for the Dec 2010 Newsletter by **Sunday 14th Nov** (21st if emailed)? Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh or use the tray in the Church. Thanks, Phil

GUILD REPORT

The first meeting of the Guild Autumn programme was a social Evening held on October 6th. we enjoyed a quiz and coffee and biscuits and held a bring and buy auction, raising £30 for St Elizabeth's Hospice. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

On Tuesday October 12th the guild devotional was led by Mr Colin Wright. Colin's theme was Choices and Decisions and he told us that some are easy but others are more difficult and can have consequences. He said that the biggest choice we make is to believe in God and to believe that the bible is the word of God. Many thanks to Colin for sharing his thoughts with us and for such lovely hymns.

November Programme

2 A Gilbert and Sullivan evening with Simon Thompson.

9 Devotional led by Mr Philip Mann

16 No meeting

23 The Apocrypha - John Cunningham

29 DVD evening at 59 Beaumont Way - Flora and Fauna of the Falklands

All meetings in the Community Room at 7.30 unless otherwise stated

Thursday Group

The Group will meet on Thursday 4th November @ 7.30pm in the Community Room. The speaker will be Mrs Wendy Morgan who will be telling us of her experiences whilst on her pilgrimage to Spain.

All welcome—refreshments will be served.

Any queries please contact Phil 10473 827370

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER,

10am-2pm

HADLEIGH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

at the ANSELL CENTRE

Good quality gifts



Children's crafts to make

Activities



Carol singing - listen or join in

Coffee and cakes,
soup and roll



All profits to Hope Orphanage in Kenya

Want to get involved? Contact Ronnie: 01473 310169

ronnie@ronann.com

N.B. Offers to make a pot of soup for refreshments would be gratefully received by Ann (310169) or Milly (827895).

ASAP, Thanks.

Advent Cafe Service

Sunday 28th November, Ansell Centre
Coffee from 10am,
worship from 10.30am.

Why not try worship in a cafe style?

Arrive from 10am for coffee and cakes. Worship for all ages will start at 10.30am.

Worship will be informal but with God at the centre. Come along and take an active part or just come and be part of the gathering as we prepare for Christmas.



Offers of cakes and recent newspapers and magazines, gratefully received by Jim.

If you would like more details, please get in touch.

Jim. (827895)

"Ah, you who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is room for no one but you, and you are left to live alone in the midst of the land!"

- Isaiah 5:8

"Today it is fashionable to talk about the poor.

Unfortunately, it is not fashionable to talk with them."

- Mother Teresa

Hadleigh Street Fayre and Lighting up Festival

Friday 3rd December 2010

On the evening of Friday 3rd December, Hadleigh Entertainments Committee are organising a street fayre and the tree lighting on a Dickensian theme.

Churches Together In Hadleigh have been invited to take part in two different ways:

- 1) To form a group of Dickensian carol singers, who will stroll the streets and sing carols for the revellers.
- 2) To provide warm soup to the passers-by and raise money by donations for the Youthworker project.

If you feel you could help with either of these aspects of the Street Fayre, please get in touch with **Philip Mann.** (822658)

SCRABBLE

If you are finding these winter Saturday afternoons rather boring, come and join us for a game of scrabble, drink and biscuits provided. 2pm - 4pm.

We have lots of fun and you will even find us making up words - we do however check up in the dictionary! Just a taster, see if you can make a word out of these letters - answer next month.

H T E N R I G A N G

If you solve this, then do come along and join us.

Barbara

The letter of James

Next meeting, Mon.15 November, 7.30pm.

Venue to be decided (Ring 827895)

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

- Romans 12:9-13

It is curious that people who are filled with horrified indignation whenever a cat kills a sparrow can hear that story of the killing of God told Sunday after Sunday and not experience any shock at all.

- Dorothy L. Sayers

"Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow [humans], so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your [Lord] in Heaven.'"

- Matthew 5:14-16

"To work in the world lovingly means that we are defining what we will be for, rather than reacting to what we are against."

- Christina Baldwin

Prayer For a New Mother

The things she knew, let her forget again-
The voices in the sky, the fear, the cold,
The gaping shepherds, and the queer old men
Piling their clumsy gifts of foreign gold.

Let her have laughter with her little one;
Teach her the endless, tuneless songs to sing,
Grant her her right to whisper to her son
The foolish names one dare not call a king.

Keep from her dreams the rumble of a crowd,
The smell of rough-cut wood, the trail of red,
The thick and chilly whiteness of the shroud
That wraps the strange new body of the dead.

Ah, let her go, kind Lord, where mothers go
And boast his pretty words and ways, and plan
The proud and happy years that they shall

know

Together, when her son is grown a man.

Dorothy Parker

Bible a Month Club

Thanks to just a few members we are still supporting this important work. I thought you might like to know how the work in Vietnam is progressing.

There are people in Vietnam who remember all too vividly the days of religious persecution. Then, God's Word was but a whisper in their hearts. Bibles were hidden for fear of confiscation. Few dared give voice to their faith.

But today, the church is free to grow. Whispers have gathered pace and volume, turning into shouts of joy and praise. The Bible is being passed on to new believers desperate to root their faith in the truth of its message. And Vietnam's Christians are reaching out to share the Good News that has transformed their lives.

We can share in this work with Nguyen Hoang My who first heard the Bible message from her uncle, who had turned to God and beaten his drug addiction. Her friends and family, amazed by the news of this life transformed joined the United Gospel Outreach church where they receive a Study Bible to help them root their faith in God's Word.

If you feel you would like to know more, please talk with Barbara Dixon.

"Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

- Proverbs 25:25

"All men desire peace, but very few desire those things that make for peace."

- Thomas A. Kempis

To all friends at Hadleigh United Reformed Church

Thank you very much for the 'Get Well' card you sent me during my stay in hospital—also thanks for the Harvest Bouquet.

I am pleased to say I am making good progress after my hip replacement and look forward to being back with you all.

With my love and thanks

Jean Ward

CHRISTMAS IS COMING IN SUNDAY CLUB

Each Sunday from 7 November, Sunday Club will be starting to prepare for re-telling the Christmas story at the service on 12 December.

We'll think about the events leading up to Christmas and prepare together through crafts and drama.

All children up to age 10 are welcome to join in. (Over 10s will be doing their own prep. in the Explorers ' group.)

More details from Michelle (827757), Michele (823634), Milly (827895)