

HADLEIGH
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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 3rd 10.30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sun 10th 10.30 Morning Worship led by the Explorers
Sun 17th 10.30 Morning Worship
Sun 24th 10.30 Morning Worship led by Revd Eric Fisher
3.30pm Worship at Angel Court (ecumenical)
Sun 31st 10.30 Morning Worship

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 10th 3pm Mr C Wright
Tues 19th 8pm Prayer & Praise
Sun 24th 3pm Dr R Jurd
Weds 27th 10.30 Traidcraft Sale

Monastic spirituality says that we are to honour one another. We are to listen to one another. We are to reach across boundaries and differences in this fragmented world and see in our differences distinctions of great merit that can mend a competitive, uncaring, and foolish world.

- **Sr. Joan Chittister, *The Rule of Benedict***

FROM THE MANSE

Light or dark?

October is the month when we begin to feel that it is winter. A bit late for an Indian summer, days are getting shorter, the clocks go back and at the very end of the month there is Halloween – a festival of darkness.



Halloween is simply the evening of All Hallows, or All Saints day. It accentuates the contrast between dark and light, good and bad. The saints of All Saints day are those who have tried their best to live according to a God of love. The witches and restless spirits of Halloween are those who have followed the path of evil, looking only to selfish ends.

Whatever your views on spirits, there can be no denying the existence of evil in the world. Nor can there be any doubt of the amazing depths of human love at its best. Every day we are faced with choices, large or small. Do we choose good or evil, right or wrong, light or dark?



The decisions we make affect our lives and the lives of others. Jesus once said, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8.12) He promises that however dark and difficult the world might

be, his light, the light of infinite love, will always be ahead to see us through.

See what choices you can make each day to bring more light into the lives of others.



Yours in Christ,

Jim.

Churches Together in Hadleigh – Advent Service

On the evening of the first Sunday in Advent, 28th November there will be a joint service at Hadleigh URC. The service will use hymns and liturgy from the Iona Community and will be set in the church filled with candlelight.

We will need a music group, singers and musicians, from all the churches to lead the music. Simon Thompson will organise this and, if you would like to be involved, look out for the details of rehearsals nearer the time.

If you would like more details, please talk to **Jim**.

You are invited to a...



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

**Tearcraft/
Traidcraft**

**Sale and coffee
Morning**

tearcraft

on Weds 27th October

10.30—12.30

At Monks Eleigh Chapel

Gifts and cards made by people in the Third World

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it, I see everything else.

- C.S. Lewis

Church Meeting – Monday 6th September

Church Meeting discussed many things:

- How best to share Holy Communion with the whole church family present.
- We looked forward to a Churches Together Advent service in our church, which will use Iona songs and liturgy in a candlelit setting.
- We heard that the regular giving and gifts of the congregation are not meeting our regular costs. We all need to consider how much we can give to God's work at Hadleigh URC.
- Major repairs to our buildings are nearing an end (though there are still a number of smaller jobs) and we need to be starting to plan the church refurbishment.
- The meeting agreed to welcome Anita Jay and Wendy Morgan into Membership.

All were encouraged to consider being part of one of the many regular study groups that our church runs.

Thanks to all who contribute so willingly to the vibrant life of this church community.

Jim

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seeds for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

- Psalm 126:4-6



Table Top Sale In the ACC
Hall @ Hadleigh URC
Saturday 16th. Oct
Doors open 10.00 a.m.



Tea, Coffees
and home made cakes
from the kitchen.

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Ornaments and a
Miscellany of goods and
items-of-interest.



Profits to Charity



'Build Africa' Gifts for girls

Have you thought about Christmas gifts yet?

What would you like?

What are you going to give a loved one?

Do you need it?

Do they need it?

Please consider this as an extra gift that will make an invaluable difference.

Would you like to give a gift to an African girl? A gift which would enable her to attend school each day it was open. Thus receiving full time education, it would also make an invaluable difference to her health & exam prospects.

Build Africa have many ways of supporting children in Kenya & Uganda & this is just one of them. A gift of £5 will provide one girl with sanitary protection for a year, allowing her to attend school during her periods. Girls who do not have this protection miss out on school each month.

Please consider this project & the difference that £5 can make to one girl's education throughout the year.

If you feel you can help or would like more information please do get in touch with me. Or if you have access to a computer you can visit the Build Africa website. www.build-africa.org

Thank you, Hilary Crisp 822208

Many of those who are humiliated are not humble. Some react to humiliation with anger, others with patience, and others with freedom. The first are culpable, the next harmless, the last just.

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux, On the Song of Songs



NEWS FROM THE ANSELL COMMUNITY CENTRE

As you may read elsewhere in this newsletter, the windows in the Ansell Centre will be repaired/replaced during the last week of October and the first week in November. The premises will remain open for users, but one half will always be out of bounds for safety reasons.

Our events for October are as follows:

Friday 1st at 12.15 Luncheon Club

Friday 8th at 2.30 Digital Cinema – Archive film afternoon

Friday 8th at 7.30 Digital Cinema – Archive film evening

Wednesday 20th at 12.15 Wednesday Lunch Club

Friday 22nd at 7.30 Digital Cinema – "The Boys are Back" (12A)

Please note the additional time for our archive film presentation at 2.30 pm on 8th October. The same films will be shown in the afternoon and evening but because of the expected demand for seats we have managed to arrange an extra session. As usual tickets will be £3 on the door. The films being shown are:

An Easter Air Display from 1928 featuring Hadleigh

Malting Activities in Hadleigh 1947

Hadleigh Corn Harvest from 1947

The Story of Coco Matting 1947

Rope Making by Hand in Hadleigh 1946

Please note that tickets cannot be purchased in advance.

For further information about any of the above events please contact one of us.

Eve and Jan

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Do you ever feel that life is like climbing a mountain? Maybe there are struggles to get on top of problems, or life is just hard work filled with uphill mundane tasks. Yet there are also days when we can experience the joy of looking back on a problem overcome and an awareness of Jesus being in the solution.

Expedition Force Holiday Club took place in August. Right from the start we experienced real problems as the hall floor repairs meant holding the club in church, and the Monkey Puzzle tree being condemned limited our use of the garden. But we coped by setting up base camps in church and constructing the mountain over the platform area and organ. (Any visiting organist would have been hard pressed to find it.) It worked wonderfully and we had a great few days.



A rainy final day presented another potential problem which was overcome by having a "Picnic in the Pews" - more exciting than it sounds.

Throughout it all we thought about the uphill journey Jesus faced during the last week of his life - dealing with people more and more against him and literally journeying towards death on a hillside cross. We all celebrated the joy of Jesus overcoming the struggle of death in his resurrection - the ultimate mountain top experience.

Our thanks go to all who helped and supported in any way.

Claire, Karen, Michelle and Milly

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

- Matthew 25:40

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.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Love in a box

Many thanks to all for your support with the Christmas Shoebox project run by Samaritans Purse.

Do ask Doreen or myself if you need any empty shoeboxes.

We shall be gathering the filled boxes in on 14th November during our Remembrance Day service.

Our boxes this year will be sorted for the first time at the new depot of Bentley, ready for transport on 4th December to Belarus in Eastern Europe.

Best wishes,

Doreen & Hilary

www.samaritanspurse.uk.com

BITS and SMALLS

'Out and About'

Milly is at Christ Church, Sudbury on 24th October.

Jim is at Christchurch, Needham Market on 24th October.

Nigel is at Stowupland on 24th October.

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 Nov 2010 Newsletter by **Sunday 17th Oct** (24th if emailed)? Email to 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

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

Prayer Points for October in our Church

The economic downturn means that many people have financial worries. Pray for those you might know.
What is God asking you to do?

The church runs quite a few study groups, so that we can expand our understanding, deepen our faith and be confident about putting it into practice. Pray for those study groups. Which might God be asking you to join?

The advert for the Youthworker is out. Pray that the right person might apply.

Bring to God our regular cycle of events and activities – Sunday worship, Tuesday prayer and coffee, Guild, Toddler Group and various others. How can we make them even more effective in building bridges to our community?

We are already starting to prepare for Advent and will soon start to think about Christmas activities. Please pray for wisdom on how to make these special festivals places where many people want to come and find God's love.

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.

The commandment we have from [God] is this: Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. - **1 John 4:21**

What do you think ...

... about Halloween ...

... over a drink?

Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, is supposedly when evil spirits are about. It contrasts with All Hallows, or All Saints Day, when the saints of God are celebrated. The dark of night represents evil and the light of day stands for good. We cannot deny the existence of both good and evil, but what do we think about spirits, and can they too be good or evil?

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 27th October
The George Public House (back room)**

All welcome!

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

Thursday Group

Group will be meeting on Thursday 7th October @ 7.30 pm in the Community Room.

Anna Harvey will be speaking on her experiences as a social worker.

All welcome—refreshments will be served.

Any queries please contact Phil 10473 827370

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN OCTOBER

Fri 1st 12 noon	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Sat 2nd 2-4	Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 3rd 7.00	Inspired, Church
Mon 4th 7.30	Facilities Meeting, Community Room
8.00	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 5th 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
Wed 6th 7.30	Churches Together, Salvation Army
Thurs 7th 9.45	Toddler Group, Community Room
7.30	Thursday Group, Community Room
Thurs 9th 9.45-11	Toddlers, Community Room
Sat 9th 2-4	Scrabble, Community Room
Mon 11th 8.00	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 12th 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
Wed 13th 7.30	Churches Together Forum, Salv'n Army
Thurs 14th 9.45	Toddler Group, Community Room
Sat 16th 10.00	Table Top Sale, Ansell Centre
10-4	Synod, Castle Hill URC
2-4	Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 17th 7.00	Inspired, Church
Mon 18th 8.00	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 19th 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Healing Prayer Service, Church
8.00	Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh
Thurs 21st 9.45-11	Toddlers, Community Room
Sat 23rd 2-4	Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 25th	4.00 8.00	Pastoral team, 16 Weavers Close Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 26th	10-11.30 10.15am 12 noon	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church Lunch Study Group, 16 Weavers Close
Wed 27th	2.00 8.00	Bible Study, Whatfield SA What do you think?, The George
Sat 30th	2-4	Scrabble, Community Room

GUILD REPORT

On Tuesday September 7th friends from the Guild visited Hollowtrees, Semer, for a walk around the farm trail and tea. It was a warm and pleasant afternoon and a happy time was enjoyed by all. This was a very nice outing to end our summer programme.

October programme

5th Social evening + coffee & biscuits + Bring & Buy

12th Devotional led by Mr Colin Wright

19th No Meeting

26th Musical Evening with Elaine Goh

Meetings in the Community Room on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 unless otherwise stated. All welcome!

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by [God] at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

2 Peter 3:14-15

All the way to heaven is heaven, because [Jesus] said, "I am the way." - St. Catherine of Siena

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