

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 10.30am All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday

Sun 10th 10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Modern Worship Service

Sun 17th 10.45am? Morning Worship for Palm Sunday

(Joint Service at St Mary's Church; procession 10.30am)

Thurs 21st 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Fri 22nd 10.45am Procession of Witness from St Mary's

Sun 24th 5.40am Sunrise Service, Constitution Hill
8.00am Meditation - Good Friday to Easter
8.30am Early Easter Communion
10.30am All Age Easter Communion Service
3.30pm Worship at Angel Court (ecumenical)

WEEKDAY MEETINGS

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

Thursday 9.00 am Toddler Group) Term time
10.00 am Refreshments) only

Monks Eleigh URC

Sun 10th 3pm Rev J Dalgleish

No Service on Easter Sunday

Lent Group every Tuesday 8pm

FROM THE MANSE

Precarious and Precious

I'm sure we have all been shocked by the terrible scenes of devastation we have witnessed in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami. At this time there is still great fear that there may be a serious nuclear disaster.

It is almost as if the more technologically advanced a country is, the more disruptive the effects of natural disasters appear. Where there was once so much, there is nothing.

Many lives have been lost and many changed forever, as they mourn loved ones and a lost way of life. No doubt the material aspects can be rebuilt, given time, but it is a stark reminder that life is both very precarious and exceedingly precious.

Even here, where we are most unlikely to suffer major earthquakes, we really have no idea what tomorrow may hold. This means that the life that God has given us must be valued for the present moment. There is little point in waiting for or worrying about what tomorrow might bring. The present moment is the only one we are guaranteed.

God showers us with so many good gifts and the senses with which to enjoy them. We can be sure that he wants us to delight in them. We should receive life as a precious gift and enjoy each moment as much as we are able.

The most precious gift God gives us is his love and, to enjoy it, we need to share it with others. So we should receive the love of God in every precious moment of life and share it with those around as much as we are able.

Jesus commands us to 'love our neighbour as ourselves' and promises 'life in all its fulness'. That simply means enjoying all that God blesses us with and loving others as he first loved us.

Have a joyous Easter!

Jim.

Easter - together we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Every Easter we remember and praise God for the victory over death and sin won by Jesus Christ. Through his death on a cross and his rising again, he won forgiveness for our sins and he assures us of everlasting life. Why not come and join us as we remember and celebrate?

17th April – Palm Sunday – At St Mary’s Church

At **10.30am** we gather at the milestone on the High Street for a procession to St Mary’s. The service there starts at **10.45am** and together we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

21st April – Maundy Thursday

At **7.30pm** we gather for a reflective service and, using readings and hymns, we recall the events of the Last Supper and the arrest in the garden of Gethsemane. If you have been carrying a nail through Lent, you will have an opportunity to place it at the foot of the cross.

22nd April – Good Friday

At **10.45am** we meet with Christians from other churches in Hadleigh outside St Mary’s Church for a procession of witness through the town. We finish around noon at the Salvation Army, after which there will be another opportunity to return your nail. For those unable to walk with the procession a parallel service takes place in the Salvation Army. Our friends at St Mary’s church invite us at **2.00pm** to join with them for the Final Hour Meditation.

24th April – Easter Sunday

Meet at **5.40am** at the top of Constitution Hill for an Easter sunrise service; the first opportunity of the day to give thanks for the risen Lord.

At **8.00am** in church there is a meditative service, Good Friday to Easter, when we quietly reflect on Christ’s death and resurrection.

This flows into an early Easter Communion service at **8.30am**, which is followed at **9.00am** by an Easter Breakfast in the Ansell Centre.

At **10.15am** Inspired will lead a time of Easter praise in church and this will flow into our **10.30am** Easter Celebration for all ages. As the family of God we will give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and share in Holy Communion.

You will be made very welcome at any or all of these events.

What do you think ... about the Royal Family ... over a drink?



The monarchy is an institution you may either love or hate (or perhaps you just don't care!). Why does it arouse such strong feelings? What are the benefits of a monarch compared with a president? Would we prefer Sarkozy or Berlusconi or Obama? Is Prince Andrew doing a good job as a British trade envoy? Will we all be celebrating Kate and Will's wedding? Why do we have to wait so long for Charles to be king?



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 April
The George Public House (back room)**

All welcome!

For more information contact Jim (827895).

Churches Together in Hadleigh

Lent Study Groups

These Lent study groups continue this month and it is not too late to join.

As usual you have the option of a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm or a Thursday lunchtime at noon (bring a packed lunch) and we will meet in the Salvation Army hall.

<u>Led by</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Title</u>
Andrew Sankey	6/4 & 7/4	A Power
Eric Fisher	13/4 & 14/4	A Meal

For more information, please get in touch. **Jim.**

NOT JUST EGGS!



- but stories, crafts and games.

Join in as we find out more about the
Easter Story.

All children R- Year 6 welcome.

10am-2pm, Thursday 14 April (lunch provided)

Organised by **Churches Together in Hadleigh**
at the Ansell Centre, Market Place (next to Hadleigh URC.)

Free, but donations welcome.

More details:- **Michelle** (827757) **Trish** (828393) **Milly** (827895)

Come and reflect on
The Holy Week Story
in preparation for Easter

time to listen and reflect

Prayer stations using symbols of Holy Week

Thursday 14 April

<u>Morning</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>Evening</u>
9.45am	coffee	7.00pm
10.15am	start	7.30pm
11.45am	ending	9.00pm

(but come and go as you need to.)

Children's Easter Activities, 10.00 – 2.00pm
(including lunch)

Held at Hadleigh United Reformed Church

Market Place, Hadleigh, IP7 5DL

Organised by **Churches Together in Hadleigh**

All welcome at any of these times.

For more details:

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"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." - **Matthew 5:5**

BITS and SMALLS



Remember the
Church Coop
Dividend number:
2295

Carrying a Nail for Lent?

If you have been reflecting on the pain of Jesus by carrying a nail through Lent, you can bring it to the cross at the Maundy Thursday evening Communion service or in church after the Good Friday Walk of Witness. **Jim.**

Associates of the Porch Project

If you feel that you would like to be an Associate of the Porch Project and provide financial support, please see me about details and about the launch meeting. **Jim.**

Please could you let me have all items for the May 11 Newsletter by **Sunday 12th April** (17th if emailed)? Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh or use the tray in the Church. Thanks, Phil

A Passover Supper is planned for the evening of Saturday 16th April in the Ansell Centre. Make a note of the date and look out for more details on the Pewsheet. **Jim.**

Date for your Diary

There will be an Area Partnership Social (walk, tea and worship) at Debenham URC on a Sunday afternoon in July date TBA.



Thank you

Women's World Day of prayer

After expenses the offering amounted to £180.45. Thank you to all who attended the service and contributed so generously.

Jill Taylor

'An Evening Service with a difference

Thanks to everyone who attended the evening service in January which was organised by Lisa and Tom. If you enjoyed it and found it a helpful way to worship then please come along to the next one which will be taking place on Sunday 10th April at 6.30pm in the Ansell Centre.

The service will include music led by Inspired, dance, prayers and a talk. All ages are welcome and please invite anyone you know who might like to try something a bit different from the morning service.'

"We have longed to taste the resurrection. We have longed to welcome its thunders and quakes, and to echo its great gifts. We want to test the resurrection in our bones. We want to see if we might live in hope instead of in the ... twilight thicket of cultural despair, in which standing implies many are lost."

- Daniel Berrigan

SAMARITANS PURSE

Christmas Shoebox Coffee morning

Many thanks for all your support at the shoebox coffee morning on March 12th.

Friends enjoyed watching the Operation Christmas Child DVD, having a chat & coffee/tea & cake whilst raising funds to help some of God's vulnerable children living in difficult circumstances.

There was a lovely atmosphere in the hall & a wonderful £125 was raised.

Thank you all very much for coming along, for manning stalls, baking, donating goods to sell, & goods for the shoeboxes, for giving money donations, for all your super knitting & your time.

Your help is very much appreciated.

Blessings, Doreen & Hilary

www.samaritanspurse.uk.com

"Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

- Mark 9:50

"What we do is so little that we may seem to be constantly failing. But so did [Christ] fail. He met with apparent failure on the Cross. But unless the seeds fall into the earth and die, there is no harvest."

- Dorothy Day

GUILD REPORT

.On Tuesday February 22nd the Guild enjoyed a Beetle Drive. There was much hilarity and a good time was had by all. The evening ended with coffee and biscuits and thanks are expressed to all who helped in any way.

On Tuesday March 1st the Guild enjoyed a Video evening. Diana had two recordings of old Songs of Praise programmes, one from Clovelly and the other featuring brass bands from Yorkshire. Both were greatly enjoyed by all as were the refreshments of tea, coffee and cake. Many thanks to all concerned.

On Tuesday March 8th we welcomed Pastor Greg Frost to the Guild to lead our Devotional. Greg based his message on Luke chapter 4 Verse 16. He told us that Jesus was brought up to go to the Synagogue, to stand up and read, to worship and to do things that please God. Greg wondered if we were the same and want to worship, pray and to please God.

Many thanks to Greg for sharing his thoughts with us and to Diana for playing for the hymns.

April 2011 Programme

April 5 An Evening with Philip Mann

12 AGM + Bring & Buy for Charity and Coffee

19 Holy Week Devotional

All meetings in the Community Room at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but wisdom is with the humble."

Proverbs 11:2

"When you sacrifice, you force others to sacrifice. It's an extremely powerful weapon."

- Cesar Chavez

Prayer Page

.Prayer Points for April in our Church

Give thanks to God for Jesus and for the good news of the Resurrection. Ask God to help you rejoice in it every day.

Remember Becky West at University in Epsom, where she has just started a Christian Union. It meets every Monday at 4.30pm and has already attracted those of other faiths and none. Pray for the witness and care of all of our young people at school, college or in employment.

Churches Together AGM takes place this month. Please pray for clarity on the way forward for work with young people outside the church.

Pray for all who faithfully serve the young people of our church. That they might have God's wisdom as they prepare materials for Sunday Club and Explorers. That they might show God's love, as they lead the young people.

Give thanks for all those who are prepared to do the ordinary things of church life – the cleaning and the maintenance of our buildings, or who work behind the scenes at lunch clubs and digital cinema.

Remember those of our fellowship who are in residential care – Ruth Gleed, Violet Hines, Peggy Crabtree, Joyce Rolfe, and Alan Brooks.

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep."

- John 10:1-2

Thursday Group

The Group will be meeting at 7.30 on Thursday April 7th.

Our speaker will be Lisa Guest (member of our church) and her subject will be 'working with youngsters in the East End of London.'

There will be a time for questions, followed by refreshments.

Any questions, phone Phil on 01473 827830

Gardener

Milly and Jim have been blessed for some years, as Joyce Wells has cared for the flowers in the Manse garden. Joyce has now retired and we are looking for someone who would be happy to tend the flowerbeds for a couple of hours a week, for a small remuneration. If it might be you, please get in touch. **Milly & Jim** (827895).



"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead."

- Louisa May Alcott

"There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people who are treated according to the conduct of the wicked, and there are wicked people who are treated according to the conduct of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity."

- Ecclesiastes 8:14

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN FEBRUARY

Fri 1st 12.15pm	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Sat 2nd 12 noon	Wedding of Wendy and David, Church
Sun 3rd 7.00pm	Inspired, Church
Mon 4th 8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 5th 10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church
Wed 6th 7.00pm	Churches Together Worship Group, Salvation Army
7.30pm	Lent Study Group, Salvation Army
Thurs 7th 9.00am	Toddler Group, Community Room
12 noon	Lent Study Group, Salvation Army
7.30pm	Thursday Group, Community Room
Sat 9th 2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 10th 6.30pm	Celebration Service for All, Ansell Centre
Mon 11th 7.30pm	Facilities Meeting, Upper Community Rm
8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 12th 10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church
Wed 13th 10.30am	HIP Service, Church
7.00pm	Churches Together Forum, Salv'n Army
7.30pm	Lent Study Group, Salvation Army
Thurs 14th 9.45-11.45am	Encounter – Holy Week, Church
10-2pm	Children's Encounter – Holy Week, , Church
12 noon	Lent Study Group, Salvation Army
7-9pm	Encounter – Holy Week, Church
Sat 16th 2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
TBApm	Passover Supper, Ansell Centre
Sun 17th 7.00pm	Inspired, Church

Mon 18th 8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 19th 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Healing Prayer Service, Church
Wed 20th 12.15pm	Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Thurs 21st 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion, Church
Fri 22nd 10.45am	Good Friday Procession, St Mary's & Salvation Army
Tues 26th 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
12 noon	Lunch Study Group, 2 Queen's Row, Magdalen Rd
4.00pm	Pastoral Care Group, 2 Queen's Row
Wed 27th 8.00pm	What do you think?, The George
Thurs 28th 9.00am	Toddlers, Community Room
2.00pm	Bible Study, Whatfield Salvation Army
Sat 30th 2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room

"Let not the ghostly enemy find thee all idle, but that thou be reading, writing, praying devoutly, thinking, or some other good labour doing for the commonalty."

- Thomas à Kempis

"My joy is to love suffering. I smile in the midst of tears and receive with thanksgiving the thorns as well as the flowers."

- Saint Therese of Lisieux

"It's the little things citizens do. That's what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees. "

- Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize

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