

# **HADLEIGH**

## **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

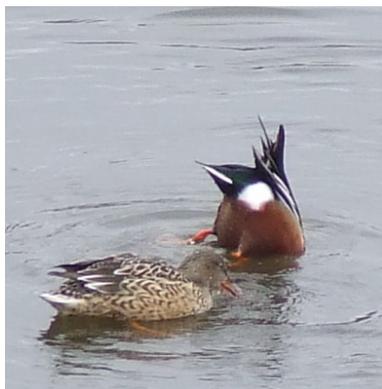
with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Cafe Service for St Valentine's

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Morning Worship led by Milly Dalgleish

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Morning Worship

3.30 Worship at Angel Court (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 22nd 8pm Prayer & Praise

Sun 27th 3pm Revd J Dalgleish

"And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'"

1 Peter 5:5

*"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."*

Leonardo da Vinci

# FROM THE MANSE

## Thanksgiving

During February we start to make preparations for our Annual Church Meeting, which takes place on the first Monday evening in March. That meeting is an opportunity to reflect on what God has been doing through us in the past year, to give thanks for all those who have faithfully served him in building his kingdom and for his constant presence in our life together.

We have much to give him thanks for – new families among us, baptism, new babies, new Members, engagements, much progress in putting our buildings into good shape, a great deal of involvement with the community, a number of vibrant study groups and a sense of excitement as God works among us.

Our thanks will, of course, be recorded in words at our Meeting. This is a very appropriate thing to do. However, the most appropriate way of expressing our thanksgiving is by ensuring that the work continues to be carried out.

God has given each one of us gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12). It is our responsibility, with the help of friends, to discern the gifts God has given us and then to see how we can use them in his service.

As we approach our Annual Church Meeting, I would challenge each one of us to consider how God has equipped us and how God is calling us to serve in building his kingdom. The service that we give to God is not for our own benefit, or for our local church, but so that the light of God's love can be seen through his Church, so that others will see it and come to faith in Jesus.

That is quite an awesome responsibility for each one of us, but with God's help and with each one playing their part, we can do it.

**Jim.**

## **TELLING STORIES** - OUR STORY AND GOD'S STORY

### **Why not join the Vision4Life group?**

Hear stories from Christians near and far.

Be encouraged by them to think about your story.

**When?** - 7.30pm, Wed. 9th February at 6 Raven Way

All welcome, transport available.

Contact Milly or Jim (827895)

## **Valentine's Cafe Service**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Ansell Centre  
coffee and bacon rolls from 10am,  
worship from 10.30am.

Why not try worship in a cafe style?

Arrive from 10am for coffee and bacon rolls.

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 consider and give thanks for God's love for us.



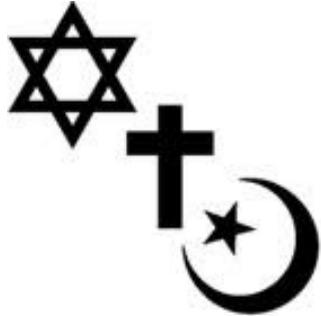
*Offers of recent newspapers and magazines, gratefully received by Jim.*

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

**Jim. (827895)**

## What do you think ..... over a drink?

**“Some of my best friends are Muslims”**



Islam is numerically the second largest world faith, after Christianity, and it is the fastest growing. Baroness Warsi, the first Muslim to serve in the Cabinet, has said that it has become socially acceptable to be prejudiced against Muslims. She also warned against dividing Muslims into moderates and extremists. 'Islam' is Arabic for 'peace' and most of its adherents follow a way of peace. Islam and Christianity both have their roots in the Abrahamic tradition and have much in common. Can some of our best friends be Muslims?

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 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
The George Public House (back room)**

All welcome!

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

"But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

- Luke 21:18-19

## **Church Annual Meeting, 7.30pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** **March 2011, Community Room**

We will be meeting to give thanks for all that God has been doing among us in the past year and to look ahead with expectation to what he will be leading us into in the coming year. It is an important meeting and I would encourage all who are able to be there to attend. The Annual Meeting will be followed by an Ordinary Church Meeting, where we will deal with the ongoing business of the life of the church.

Annual Reports If you are responsible for any area of the life of this church and would like people to know what has been happening, then please submit a brief report to Phil Wells. Typed and written reports need to be in the tray in the Vestibule by 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. and e-mailed reports need to be sent to phil@the-wells.net by 20<sup>th</sup> February. It is important that we record all that God has been doing among us so that we can give thanks.

Elders' Elections Elizabeth Meeks comes to the end of her term as an Elder, but is eligible for re-election if she wishes to stand. Please pray about who may be called by God to lead this church as an Elder. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill in a nomination slip and put it in the box in the Vestibule. You must be a Member to nominate someone and that person must have been a Member for at least a year.

God is calling each one of us to serve him with the gifts and talents he has given us. The occasion of the Annual Meeting is a good opportunity to pray and think about how God is calling you. It may be time to lay down one task and start to serve in another capacity. If you feel that this may be what God is saying to you, please have a word with me.

**Jim.**

# Eternal

We are all enjoying our youth group *Eternal* and have great fun in our sessions. We begin with fellowship, cake and hot chocolate with lots of marshmallows! Our 'home' is in the Minister's Vestry (upstairs in the Church) where we have put up posters and stickers which some of us got on a visit to the CLC bookshop in Ipswich, along with George our 'prayer giraffe' (we pass the giraffe around the circle and the one holding the giraffe prays before passing it on to the next person).

We end each session by making 'Prayer Angels'. This is where we each draw an angel and write our name on it, then each person picks one out of a box and we commit to pray for the person we get until the next meeting. This encourages us as we know someone is praying for us and helps us to pray regularly.

Ann and Ronnie Howson visited us recently to give us their testimonies. We found their stories interesting and were inspired by the way God has worked in their lives and the lives of their families.

For a Christmas treat we went bowling where we all had a great time and exchanged some presents. **This year we will continue to meet and at some point will be following CY – the Christianity Explored programme for young people. Please let Lisa know of any young people 10+ who may like to come to Eternal or CY.**

Lisa Guest and Chloe Elmer

# BITS and SMALLS



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

**'Out and About'**  
13th Nigel is leading  
worship at Sudbury URC  
20<sup>th</sup> Jim is at Christchurch,  
Needham Market

Please come along & support the  
**Shoebox Coffee Morning, on**  
**Saturday March 12th, 10am -**  
**11.30am** in the Ansell Centre. All  
offers of help & donations for cake &  
bring & buy stall, gratefully received.  
Doreen 827460 & Hilary 822208

On Thursday Feb 10th,  
7.30pm at St John's church in  
Ipswich, there is a talk about the  
Operation Christmas Child  
shoebox distribution to Belarus.  
Any one interested, please  
contact, Doreen 827460 or Hilary  
822208

**Date for your Diary -**  
There will be an Area Partnership  
Social (walk, tea and worship) at  
Debenham URC on the afternoon  
of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Christian Resources Exhibition -**  
takes place at Peterborough Show  
Ground on 24 - 26 Feb. If you are  
interested in going on one of those  
days, please get in touch. **Jim.**

**Thank you!**

**Thank you** to the many people who made our Christmas celebrations so special. The children's Nativity play, the musicians and singers, those who decorated the church, the overhead pictures and words for the carols our young people for their input not forgetting Jim and Milly.  
A very big thank you, *Sylvia*

### 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**.

I have received letters of thanks from the Christian charity '**Hand in Hand**', for the £151 raised by Ann, Ronnie & the Sunday Club, at the Christmas Table Top event. I personally also want to say a big 'thank you'.

This money will be put to great use at New Hope orphanage in Kenya, where some of us from church, spent time in 2009.

Blessings, Hilary

For more info on Hand in Hand's work go to [www.hiband.org](http://www.hiband.org) or talk to Hilary, Lisa, Ben & Katie

### **Thank you**

We would like to thank all who supported the Festivi tea in aid of the National Autistic Society held on December 13th. We raised the wonderful total of £430 and say many thanks again to all who brought gifts, made donations, baked cakes and supported us so generously on the day. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

*Elaine, Robert and Elizabeth*

Please could you let me have all items for the Feb 11 Newsletter by **Sunday 13th Feb** (20th 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

## **REVELATION**

*What on earth is it about?*

*What's the point of it being in the bible?*

*Is it relevant to us today?*

### **Second Session 28th Feb**

An opportunity to look at just a little of this fascinating book and realise how much it offers words of comfort and challenge to Christians today.

7.30pm at 6 Raven Way - contact Milly (827895) for transport or more details. All welcome.



## **Church Finances**

A grant payment to us brought us into positive territory this month.

### ***Church Daily Running Account.***

Negative cash-flow (i.e. a loss) of £1,000

Offerings similar to last month.

A payment of a rent which I had anticipated during the period did not materialise. But I am confident of receiving it quite shortly.

### ***Ansell Centre.***

Stable.

### ***Buildings Fund.***

We paid £7,500 in connection with the Windows., and re-paid a loan to Synod. This was offset by a payment of £15,000 from Biffaward.

# GUILD REPORT

On Tuesday December 14th we held a members Christmas Cheer evening. We heard favourite readings and poems and also enjoyed singing and music. The evening ended with coffee, mince pies and cakes and thanks are expressed to all who took part in any way.

We began our winter programme with a New Year Party on Tuesday January 4th. We enjoyed an evening of games, quizzes and competitions and a lovely shared supper, Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

On Tuesday January 11th we held a members Devotional. Although few in number all contributed with readings, poems, prayers and favourite hymns. Many thanks to concerned for such a special evening.

## February 2011 Programme

1 A trip to Japan with the Guides - Rebecca Irwin

8 Devotional led by Rev Jim Dalglish

15 No meeting

22 Beetle Drive + coffee and biscuits .

All meetings in the Community Room unless otherwise stated

*The use someone puts their resources to is what gives direction to life - not the use itself, but the love behind it, for everyone's life is inherent in his love.*

**Emanuel Swedenborg**

*"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier."*

**- Mother Teresa**

# Prayer Page

## Prayer Points for February in our Church

.Give thanks for new life – Rosa, a daughter to Paul and Sheeba and sister to Millie and Thomas..

Give thanks for love as Tom and Lisa have announced their engagement. Pray for them as they plan their future together.

Pray for the preparations for the Cafe Service on 13<sup>th</sup> February for Valentine's Day. Pray for those who might be encouraged to come along and especially for those God may be asking you to invite.

As we prepare for our Annual Church Meeting, which takes place on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>, pray for all those who serve God in this fellowship and that they may discern where God is calling them to serve. As we prepare to elect Officers and Elders, pray that the right people are called to these posts.

Continue to pray for our work among young people, that we may draw more into Sunday Club and Explorers and that they may have a great excitement about following Jesus. Pray for all those who are called to the responsible task of teaching our young people.

Remember those of our fellowship who are in residential care – Ruth Glead, Violet Hines, Peggy Crabtree, Frank and Joyce Rolfe, and Alan Brooks and remember others who are named in the blue prayer book.

## **Missing**

Mother: *"Bobby, last night I put two apples in this cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?"*

Bobby *"I expect it was so dark I couldn't see the other one"*

## ANY QUESTIONS?

The next meeting of this discussion group will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 16 Jordayn Rise. Our subject, taken from a set of leaflets based on "The Thoughtful Guide to Faith" by Tony Windross, will be "Why bother to think about God?"

This group is open to everyone who would like to explore questions of faith in an open, honest and non-judgemental atmosphere and where we will be able to learn from each other and hopefully deepen our faith. If you are interested, please speak to Jan, Joyce or Sylvia.

## **Thursday Group**

The Group will be meeting on Thursday 3rd February @ 7.30 pm in the Community Room.

Speaker will be Mr Victor Goh, a member of our church.

There will be time for questions followed by refreshments.

Any queries please phone Phil 827370

*"To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."*

**Nelson Mandela**

*"You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant."* - Martin Luther King Jr

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN FEBRUARY**

Tues 1st	10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church
Wed 2nd	7.30pm 7.30pm	Churches Together, Salvation Army Film Discussion Group, 7 High Street
Thurs 3rd	9.45am 7.30pm	Toddler Group, Community Room Thursday Group, Community Room
Fri 4th	12.15pm	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Sat 5th	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 6th	7.00pm	Inspired, Church
Mon 7th	7.30pm 8.00pm	Elders' Meeting, Community Room Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 8th	10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Vision4Live, 6 Raven Way
Thurs 10th	9.45am	Toddler Group, Community Room
Sat 12th	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Mon 14th	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 15th	10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Healing Prayer Service, Church
Wed 16th	12.15pm	Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Thurs 17th	9.45-11 7.30pm	Toddlers, Community Room Ansell Centre Management Group, Ansell Centre
Sat 19th	2-4pm 6 for 6.30	Scrabble, Community Room Elders' Social, 6 Raven Way
Sun 20th	7.00pm	Inspired, Church

Mon 21st 8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
7.30pm	Any Questions, 16 Jordayn Rise.
Tues 22nd 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
8.00pm	Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh
Wed 23rd 8.00pm	What do you think?, The George
Thurs 24th 2.30pm	Bible Study, Whatfield Salvation Army
Sat 26th 2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Mon 28th 7.30pm	Bible Study – Revelation, 6 Raven Way

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Philippians 4:6-7

*"Prayer is not an old woman's idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action."*

- Mohandas Gandhi

*"Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world."*

- Teresa of Avila

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