

# HADLEIGH

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

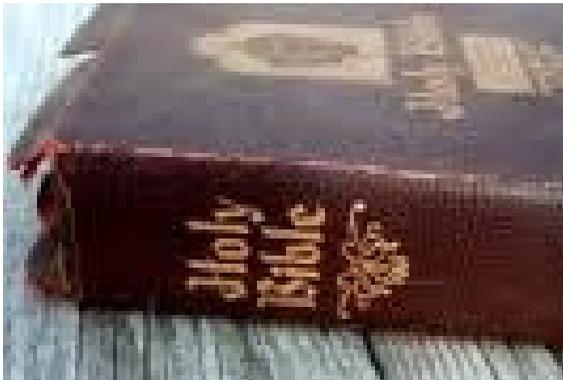
with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2011

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 Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Sun 10th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Milly  
Dalgleish

Sun 17th 10.30am Morning Worship

3.00pm Whatfield Open Air Songs of Praise

Sun 24th 10.30am Morning Worship

3.30pm Worship at Friars Hall (ecumenical)

Sun 31st 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Richard  
Edwards

## 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 Mr C Wright

Tues 19th 8pm Prayer & Praise

Sun 24th 3pm Mr R Howson

"You shall not act as we are acting here today, all of us according to our own desires, for you have not yet come into the rest and the possession that the Lord your God is giving you." - Deuteronomy 12:8-9

# FROM THE MANSE

## Saints Alive

Saints are those who are set aside (sanctified) for God. It sounds like a great privilege, and it is indeed. It is only possible because Jesus died for the life of the whole world.

With privilege comes responsibility! We are set aside for God, not just to know his unfailing love and his blessing, but also to be his unfailing love and his blessing to others. What a tall order.

But the really good news is that we do not do it on our own. The three major Christian festivals, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, remind us of that reality.

Christmas was the time that God came among us in human flesh and lived the human life in Jesus Christ. Jesus was fully human; he lived and suffered as we do.

At Easter God came to be among us in the new life, the resurrection life that Jesus took on after he had died for the world. This new life only comes from self-giving. The risen Jesus was both flesh and Spirit.

At Pentecost God came among us, was poured out upon us. The Holy Spirit, God in fully spiritual form, was given to those who gave themselves to Jesus.

The three great festivals remind us that God is a God who delights to be with his people. Whatever we have been set aside for, we can be sure he will be with us.

We also know that the Holy Spirit makes us a family, brothers and sisters in Christ. We therefore always have the family of God around us for support and for us to support.

Peter wrote: Come to the Lord, the Living Stone... Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple. (1 Pet. 2.4-5)

That is what the Holy Spirit is doing in us, as we come to Jesus.

**Jim.**

## Calling all budding musicians

The 'Inspired' band has been going for nearly 6 years now but each year we usually lose one or two of our younger members who go on to college, university or other projects. I'm sure Rachel and Chloe would greatly appreciate some extra voices to join them when Lisa heads off to London in September - otherwise they might end up doing some solo performances! Although we particularly need singers we would always welcome anyone new in the band, whether your interest is in singing or if you play an instrument.

We have never claimed to be expert musicians but believe the most important requirement is a desire to praise God through modern worship music and all ages are welcome (not just young people). We usually practice on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm and generally play in the services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We'll be taking a break in August and will start up again in September. If you think you might be interested in joining us we would really appreciate your support. Please feel free to ask Sarah (827559) or Tom for any further information.



Sarah Parkinson

# Vision4Life

Next meeting: Wed. 13 July, 7.30pm at 6 Raven Way. More details from Milly (827895)

## THURSDAY GROUP

The group will meet on Thursday 7th July @ 7.30pm in the Community Room.

Speaker will be Mr James Dent of St Mary's Church, Hadleigh.

He will be speaking of his experiences whilst working as a meteorologist in Bangladesh & working closely with the Muslims.

There will be time for questions, followed by refreshments.

Any questions phone Phil on 01473 827370

# ENCOUNTER

with **Jesus** and each other

## PEACE AND QUIET

an opportunity to stroll in a beautiful wildlife garden in Monk's Eleigh

take time out from the busyness of life

reflect on the beauty of God's creation

**Wed. 13 July, 10.15am**

(other dates may be available on request.)

All are welcome. Transport available.

To help with planning it would be good to know numbers the weekend before each session.

More Details from:-

<b>Anita</b>	<b>Joyce</b>	<b>Milly</b>
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Release International is one of the charities that the church is supporting this year.

The charity exists to serve the persecuted church and does this in five key ways:

**Showing God's compassion** by providing for the needs of the families of martyrs and prisoners.

Every year thousands of Christians are detained and imprisoned for their faith in Jesus Christ. Some are even martyred. Where families have lost the breadwinner, Release gives pastoral care and practical support.

**Serving God's church** by enabling them to survive persecution and its effects.

Release stands with churches and church leaders around the world who are being persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ by directly supporting persecuted pastors and their families and by providing leadership and theological training.

**Sharing God's love** by helping the persecuted church win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel.

The Bible tells us that the apostle Paul was once a persecutor of the early church – until God turned his life around – transforming him into a mighty preacher and church-planter. Release helps persecuted churches bring the good news of the gospel – even to those who persecute them.

**Spreading God's Word** by supplying Bibles and literature to meet the need for growth and evangelism.

Release provides Bibles and Christian literature in local languages to build up the church, to encourage evangelism and disciple new believers in Christ.

**Speaking as God's advocates** by being the voice of the martyrs and the oppressed.

Release helps to bring the voice of the persecuted church to fellowships in the UK and Ireland, and also to governments. Release regularly asks supporters to campaign on behalf of persecuted Christians by writing letters and using petitions.

Here are some details about the current campaign:

The notoriously repressive regime of North Korea continues to be the worst persecutor of Christians in the world. Many are held in concentration camps, while thousands more live out their faith in secret to avoid detection by the authorities. At the same time, North Korean defectors struggle to adjust to life outside the Hermit Kingdom.

In an effort to bring an end to the suffering of North Korean believers, Release is urging Christians in the UK and Ireland to pray and take action so that, One Day, the nightmare will end.

**To support this campaign** you can sign the petition and remember North Korea in your prayers.

For more information visit [www.releaseinternational.org](http://www.releaseinternational.org) or ask Lisa Guest. Petitions will be available at the back of church or from Lisa. Once completed return to Lisa to send off all together.

"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." - Mark 8:35

# HOLIDAY FUN DAY

Calling all **5-11 year olds** - Come and join in our

## HOLIDAY FUN DAY

Tuesday 30 August, 11.30am-4pm at the Ansell Centre,  
Hadleigh United Reformed Church

**11.30-12.30, make pizza for lunch with**

**Janine from "Crafty Cooks"**

<http://www.craftycooks.co.uk/suffolk>



**Limited numbers, pre-registration  
essential,  
by 23 August.**

Minimum recommended donation -  
£1 to cover cost of ingredients etc.

**1-4pm, crafts, games, drama, stories.**

ALSO, drop-in activities for under 5's accompanied by parent/carer.

All free, but donations towards costs welcomed.

**BOOKING for COOKING and more details from  
Milly (827895), Michelle (827757)**

"I much prefer a person who can love God enough to take a handout of bread, to a person who can give a hundred dollars for God's sake. ... The poor [one], by taking the handout, gets closer to God than [the one] who gave the one hundred dollars for God's sake." - Meister Eckhart

## Abseil for St Elizabeth's

We regularly receive the newsletter and my father – Ray Kidd-Stanton is in the prayer book and is remembered in prayer by the URC community as he is ill with stomach cancer. He has been through a great deal in the last 2 years and the family have decided to do something to support St Elizabeth Hospice as they have been supporting Dad and the family so well.



On Saturday 9th July 2011, between 10 and 11am, we will be taking part in the charity abseil event at Ipswich Hospital Maternity Block. We are both serving police officers in Suffolk

Constabulary and will be abseiling 150ft in police uniform. As Dad is our InspiRAYtion, it seems fitting that we have this as our team name.

If you would be interested in making a donation, we have a Just Giving website: <http://www.justgiving.com/inspiraytion>

On this site, you will see a few photos of us in police uniform and one with our father, Ray. If you would like a copy of these for the story, please let us know the e-mail address to send them to.

Yours very sincerely

Inspector Becky Kidd-Stanton and brother - Pc 678 Matt Kidd-Stanton

PS – You may know me as Becky Preedy as this is my married name.

*"We should have much peace if we would not busy ourselves with the sayings and doings of others."*

- Thomas à Kempis

# BITS and SMALLS

## Books!

Sonia's Father died recently, leaving a large and mixed library of religious books. They are available for anyone who would like to take some (for a donation to Christian Aid)

Speak to Phil or Sonia

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

## Out and About -

10<sup>th</sup> July – Jim is at Christchurch, Needham Market.

31<sup>st</sup> July – Jim is on leave.

**Talitha Koum** is an Ipswich based charity that provides support to women trying to overcome problems with addictive behaviour. There is a meeting at 7.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at St Mary's Church. This is open to all who may be interested in giving support. See website, [talithakoum.org.uk](http://talithakoum.org.uk) for more details.

Please could you let me have all items for the Aug 11 Newsletter by **Sunday 17th July** (24th 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

# Dates for your Diary

**Whatfield Open Air Songs of Praise** takes place at 3pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July in the garden of Whatfield Chapel. Come along to enjoy singing your favourite hymns and hearing your most uplifting Bible readings. All welcome. Do get in touch, if you need or can offer transport. **Jim** (827895).

There will be an **Area Partnership Social** (walk, tea and worship) at Debenham URC on a Sunday afternoon 10th July:  
3.00pm Walk around Debenham; tour of parish church  
4.30pm Tea  
~5.45pm Songs of Praise

Suggestions for the Songs of Praise – hymns, readings, prayers, stories to **Jim**, and names of those wishing to go (for catering and transport purposes) to **Sylvia**, if possible before the end of June.

**Open Manse** – Milly and Jim will be celebrating 40 years of married life in late July. We would like the Church Family and others to come and share in our celebrations.

The Manse, 6 Raven Way, will be open for visitors from

3 – 9pm, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Come when you can, go when you must: tea and cake in the afternoon (also children's activities) wine and nibbles in the evening.

## **Green Matters**

You have probably noticed the two colourful tubs which have been planted up at the front of the church. This has happened because of the new gardening club which takes place every Friday morning. It's for anyone interested in gardening and who would like to help make our church garden even more beautiful. Many compliments have already been paid about the new tubs – as well as the lovely lavender on each side of the path which was planted last year and is now in full bloom.

If you would like to be involved in this new project, please turn up with your own tools at any time between 10 am and 12 noon on a Friday morning. Pop in to the Community Room to consult the list of gardening jobs and for a cup of tea or coffee served by members of HIP (Hadleigh Inclusion Project). On the third Friday of the month HIP will be organising a coffee morning in the Ansell Centre.

There are plans to make further improvements such as some raised beds with seating to form a sensory garden outside the Ansell Centre and the purchase of a bench for the grassed area near the new trees.

Hopefully by the time you read this article a water butt, compost bin and watering can will have been procured to help us become more environmental. They should be in the yard next to the Ansell Centre. Please do give the tubs a water if ever you notice they need it. Also please place any dead flowers from the church or left over food from the kitchen in the compost bin.

Let's become a "green" church and at the same time make our garden as welcoming a place as our buildings!

*The garden gnome*

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

- Matthew 6:34

## What is Church?

Jim's sermon on Pentecost Sunday set me reflecting about what Church was for me – post sermon reflection is not something I do often enough, so it is worth recording when it happens!

Today 'church' has different meanings, but if we think about the early church, I think 'church' means what Christ's disciples did together. The term the 'body of Christ' recalls this idea.

Ever since I became a Christian I have felt strongly that Christ was calling me to be active in the world; seeking to establish the values of the Kingdom in the present age. For me, this has been to a large extent about choosing the work I do and about how I spend the money I earn – to 'vote' for fairer trade for example.

Some Christian traditions (and some churches I have belonged to) have tried to divide life into two separate parts – the world and the church – and have placed higher value on the 'religious' bits. But I struggle with the idea that the 10% of money you might tithe, or the 10% of time you might give to the church is more important than the 90% you spend on normal life.

Nowadays few Christians would argue that you can make this separation (it has been used in the past to cover a multitude of sins from greed to slavery) and most would recognise that making the world a better place is a basic Christian duty.

So, back to my original question: what is Church? Well, to me it is a place to pause, re-charge my batteries and re-set my compass so I can do a better job of being a Christian 'out there'.

I think that, unlike the first Christians, who thought Christ's return was imminent, we need to expand the idea of Church to include all that Christians do, not just our collective activity

So to Jim's 4 Ws I would add two more; Wealth and Work. I believe that the work we do and the money we spend are not only about witnessing to our faith or about being welcoming; they are about how we help make the world a little bit more like how God intended. Phil (Wells)

# THANK YOU!

Anna, Becky and Lisa would like to thank everyone who has supported us so far by attending and donating to our fundraising events, 'adopting' a week or a day and remembering us in your prayers.

There is a notice board at the back of church which has more details of the charities we are working with and we will keep this updated as we embark on our various journeys! If you would like to adopt a day/ week forms can be found on the table in the entrance to the church building.

We are planning to have a summer fête on Saturday 9th July – look out for more details soon! (contact Lisa for more info/ if you can help). We are also hoping to have a concert in the church building sometime soon!

Becky will begin her summer adventure doing missionary work in Croatia this month and would greatly appreciate your prayers throughout the time she is away.

Thanks again!

Anna, Becky and Lisa

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# Summer Fête!!!

Fun for *all* the family! ☺

We will be holding a summer fête on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the Church Garden and Ansell Centre. There will be various things for *all* ages, including Table Top sales, face painting, henna and much much more!

*All* money raised will go towards helping Anna, Lisa and Becky with their fundraising for their various charity work.

For more information, to help or request a Table (£5 per table) please contact Lisa on 07760559593 or 01473 822210

We hope to see you there and bring *all* your friends!!

"[Jesus] said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'" - Matthew 12:13

# Prayer Page

## **Prayer Points for July in our Church**

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

Also pray for the families of those who have died recently -  
Peggy Crabtree, Bob Peebles,  
Margaret (Jan's aunt)  
Linda MacArthur (Ann Howson's sister)

Look in the Blue Prayer Book in church and pray for those who have asked for prayers.

Remember in prayer all of our young people who are currently facing exam or awaiting results. Pray also for those you know whose employment prospects are uncertain.

Pray for those who came to Saints Alive, that they may be alive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Give thanks for Anna, Lisa and Becky who are planning to go on mission to take God's love out into the world. Pray especially for Becky who departs for Croatia on 7th July.

At the end of the academic year pray for teachers, Sunday Club Leaders and students for refreshment over the break.

Pray for plans that are being made for a Holiday Fun Day for under 11 year olds. Pray that the leaders will be able to combine fun and the joy of the Christian message in their planning.

## **Guild Outing in July**

July 16th      Half Day Out to Dunwich & Dunwich Health

Depart 10.30 am R/D £5

Names to Harold 2 weeks before outing please

# The July Film

## at The Ansell centre

In the mould of The Full Monty, Grow Your Own, and The World's Fastest Indian, the Ansell Centre committee is delighted to present **ON A CLEAR DAY** – a good natured British film !

After decades of working in a Glasgow shipbuilder, Frank Redmond suddenly finds himself redundant – and for the first time in his life he is without a job.

His mates are with, and support him, but he feels desperately alone and contemplates his relationship with his loving wife Joan. However, a casual remark from one of his companions challenges him to swim the English Channel !

Frank plunges headlong into his new life – the men support , train him – and keep the secret of his attempt from his wife and son!



The cast is in the best traditions of a British film – from Peter Mullan as Frank , to Brenda Blethyn who plays his wife – now forced to go out to work as a Bus driver !

His mates all excel with cameo roles – not forgetting Chan the stalwart fish-and-chip shop owner !

Frank's aim is determination to salvage his self-esteem. And to find out whether he achieves this test of endurance ? - Come along on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and find out !

The film carries a 12a certificate, and starts at 7.30pm – admission is £3 for adults, £ 2 for an accompanied young adult.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN JULY**

### **30th June to 12th July, 9.30-5pm – Bible Exhibition, St Mary's Church**

Fri 1st	12.15pm	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Sat 2nd	10-6pm 2-4pm	Bibliathon, St Mary's Church Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 3rd	7.00pm	Inspired, Church
Mon 4th	7.30pm 8.00pm	Facilities Meeting, Community Room Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 5th	10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Film Discussion Group, Sideways, Station Rd
Thurs 7th	9.00am 7.30pm	Toddler Group, Community Room Thursday Group, Community Room
Sat 9th	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 10th	3.00pm	Area Partnership at Debenham URC
Mon 11th	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 12th	10-11.30 10.15am 5.00pm	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church Bible Exhibition finishes
Wed 13th	10.15am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Encounter, Monks Eleigh Vision4Life, 6 Raven Way Churches Together Forum, Salvation Army
Thurs 14th	9.00am	Toddler Group, Community Room
Friday 15th	7.30pm	Talitha Koum Meeting, St Mary's Church
Sat 16th	3-9pm 2-4pm	Open Manse, 6 Raven Way Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 17th	3.00pm 7.00pm	Open Air Songs of Praise, Whatfield Chapel Inspired, Church

Mon 18th	4.00pm	Pastoral care Group, 2 Queen's Row
	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 19th	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
	10.15am	Healing Prayer Service, Church
	8.00pm	Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh
Wed 20th	12.15pm	Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
	7.30pm	Churches Together Worship Group, Salvation Army
Thurs 21st	9.00am	Toddlers, Community Room
	7.30pm	Worship Group, 85 Angel Street
Sat 23rd	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Mon 25th	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
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
Thurs 28th	2.00pm	Bible Study, Whatfield
Sat 30th	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room

"But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will [God] not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'" - Matthew 6:30-31

*"Dear Lord, I will remain restless, tense, and dissatisfied until I can be totally at peace in your house. There is no certainty that my life will be any easier in the years ahead, or that my heart will be any calmer. But there is certainty that you are waiting for me and will welcome me home when I have persevered in my long journey to your house."*

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

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