

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 5th 10.30am Morning Worship
with Holy Communion
- Sun 12th 10.30am Morning Worship for Pentecost
- Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Ken Martin
- Sun 26th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Nigel Crisp
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 12th 3pm Dr Richard Jurd
- Tues 21st 8pm Prayer & Praise
- Sun 26th 3pm Rev. J Dalgleish

"The truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do -- and greater works besides. Why? Because I go to Abba God."

- John 14:12

FROM THE MANSE

Pentecost

Pentecost is the Greek for fifty. The Jewish festival of Pentecost is so called because it occurs 50 days after Passover. Passover is when the people of Israel were freed from slavery in Egypt. At Pentecost the Jewish people celebrate receiving the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai. The commandments told the people how to live in relationship to God and to one another.

The Christian festival of Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter, which happened at Passover. Easter, because of Jesus death and resurrection, brought us freedom from slavery to sin. 50 days later, at Pentecost, God poured out the Holy Spirit to enable us to live in a new relationship to God and to one another. We do that not just through obeying the Ten Commandments, which we still try to do, but because God's Spirit lives in us to teach us, to encourage us and to lead us into his truth.

The reason for the gift of the Holy Spirit was so that we could have a new relationship with God. The Spirit was given so that we might become God's children. God not only gave himself in Jesus, when he lived and died because of his love for the world, but he gives himself in the Holy Spirit, who comes to live in those who put their trust in Jesus.

How should we respond to such amazing love and grace? We respond in worship and adoration. We respond by commitment and loving service.

On Pentecost Sunday, 12th June you will also have an opportunity to respond financially, so that the church building may be used more effectively for worship and loving service. Please read details elsewhere in the Newsletter and pray about how you might be able to respond to God's generous outpouring of himself in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jim

A Special Musical Event

Saturday 11th June, 7.30pm



Hadleigh United Reformed Church

- The story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost.
- Told in words and music by singers and musicians of all ages from Hadleigh churches.
- **CAKES and COFFEE** to follow the show, which lasts 45 minutes.

All profits will go towards improvements to the Ansell Centre.

Tickets - £4.00 to include refreshments (accompanied children free)
FROM:

Jim Dagleish (01473 827895)

The Hadleigh Thrift Shop

St Mary's Church Office (open weekday mornings).

For more details contact **Jim Dagleish**. (01473 827895)

Vision4Life

VISION4LIFE on
Wednesday 22 June
challenges us to look at

- our own faith journey
- sharing our faith
- how we feel about people we're not sure fit in.

All welcome - 7.30pm at 6 Raven Way

More details from Milly (827895)

What do you think over a drink?

This men's group meets in the back room of The George pub at 8.00pm on Wednesday 22nd June.

The subject for discussion will be:

The Media.

Newspapers and television, are they a force for good or just a profit making enterprise? Are they informative or manipulative? There is no 'gagging order' in the pub, so come along and share your 'pint' of view and hear what others have to say. All men welcome.



For more details contact **Jim** (827895)

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

2 Dates - **Friday 17 June, 2.15pm** or **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:-

Anita	Joyce	Milly
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Becky, Anna and Lisa on the move!

Hi! You probably read in last month's newsletter how Becky West, Anna Gordon and I are embarking on various adventures in the next few months. We need to raise a fair amount of money in order to do these things but hope to have fun along the way. We hope you will join us and have a good time at some of the events we have organised!

Barn Dance with Auction of Promises

Friday 3rd June, 6.30-11pm



The evening will begin with some good old barn dancing, led by John Mills and his band 'Miller's Green'!

There will be a break between two sets of dancing during which we will have an Auction of Promises (this works just like a normal auction but the lots are made up of services and use of... for example – lawn mowing, use of a flat in Felixstowe, 2 hrs face painting. There will also be

great prizes to bid for including jewellery and 'SphereMania' which basically involves rolling down a hill in a giant inflatable bubble). There are around 30 lots, so lots of things to be won! The second set of dancing will end at about 11pm, but feel free to leave earlier if you wish!

Tickets prices: adults £5; concessions £4; children under 6 £2.50; and family tickets will be available at £15 (max 5 persons).

Gig with performances from Steel Pictures and other local performers – Fri 17th June, 7-11.30pm

Steel Pictures are a local alternative rock band; they play both covers and original songs they have written. There will also be performances by Winners By Default, Abi Slade, Ellie Gair, Sian Durrant and Amy Bennett & Ervin Magante. **Tickets** are £3 and refreshments will be available to buy.

We are also planning to have a concert/variety show featuring a more classical style of music as well as a fête day which will include all manner of fun things for all ages!

A fabulous way to get you involved in what we are doing is for you to 'adopt' a day or week of our journey. We will each be keeping a journal of our time away and, in return for your financial sponsorship (however big or small!) you will receive the pages of the journal for that time. Becky and Anna are offering 'adopt a day' as they are on short-term projects with a lot happening each day while I am asking for people to 'adopt a week' as I will be away for 10months and not be doing quite so much on a day-to-basis. If you would like to support us in this way please contact us or fill in one of the forms in the Ansell Centre/Church Entrance.

Lisa Guest

"Kindness in words creates confidence. / Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. / Kindness in giving creates love... / Perfect kindness acts without thinking of kindness."

- Lao Tse, 570-490 BC

Prayer and Gift Day for Church Re-ordering

As a body of God's people, we have been blessed with an extensive set of premises as resources for our work in building the kingdom. They allow us to build community in our premises and therefore to build bridges and share the gospel with those groups of people.

In recent years we have done well in refurbishing the Community Room and repairing the Ansell Centre. Both are used extensively by community groups. We are now working on plans to improve the kitchen and toilets in the Ansell Centre and believe that much of the funding for this may be obtained from suitable grant making bodies.

It is now time to move on with the plans agreed by Church Meeting in 2007 to make the church itself a modern, warm, flexible space for worship and community activity.

In this first phase we will replace the heating system which is increasingly unreliable and inefficient and at the same time ensure the heat remains where it is needed. We will remove the pews to provide flexibility for today's worship and ability to use the space for a variety of activities throughout the week. We will improve the lighting.



Church Meeting has already agreed to these plans and it is now time to confirm that decision by showing our financial commitment to the plans. We will seek some external funding, but need to demonstrate our ownership of the plans.

You are now invited to pray about how you can give financially to this work. Church will be open for a time of prayer on Saturday 11th June from 9am until 12 noon. This will be an opportunity to see the plans again, talk to the Elders, Church

Plans Group or Minister and pray about how you may contribute.

At our Pentecost Sunday service, 12th June, we will have a gift day when pledges of financial support may be made towards the work. Letters with a response form were distributed with the May Newsletter. If you need another copy, please ask me for one. Response forms may be returned at any time to the Minister, the Treasurer or the Church Secretary or may be brought on Pentecost Sunday.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these plans.

Jim

Saints Alive – still!

Our musical on the evening of June 11th tells the amazing story of the early church and how they spread the good news of Jesus. Don't forget to get your tickets and bring a friend, or just turn up on the evening (cost £4, including refreshments).

Don't forget also our present day saints, who are still proclaiming the good news of God's love. Three of those saints, Anna, Becky and Lisa are shortly going on mission to share that love in practical ways. Here is how you can support them:

- Help them with the costs by sponsoring a day in their mission (sign-up sheets in Vestibule).
- Offer something for their auction of promises or raffle, which happens on the evening of 3rd June.
- Buy tickets for the Barn Dance and Supper in the Ansell Centre, which happens on the evening of 3rd June (at which the auction of promises and raffle will take place).

Encourage them and promise to pray for them.

To offer support and to buy tickets see **Anna** and **Lisa**.

Jim (on behalf of Anna, Becky and Lisa)

BITS and SMALLS

Date for your Diary –

Saints Alive – our latest musical takes place on Saturday 11th June, 7.30pm. See separate advertisement and get your tickets now.

Remember the
Church Coop
Dividend number:
2295

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

Out and About -

12th June Nigel is at Stowupland
URC

19th June Nigel is at Sudbury
URC

19th June – Jim is on leave.

26th June – Jim is at
Christchurch, Needham
Market

Many thanks to all
who sent good wishes
and cards. Hope to be
back in circulation
soon. Joyce (Wells)

Please could you let me have all items
for the July 11 Newsletter by **Sunday**
12th Jun (19th if emailed)? Email to
phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn
Rise, Hadleigh or use the tray in the
Church. Thanks, Phil

Dates for your Diary

Saints Alive – our latest musical takes place on Saturday 11th June, 7.30pm. See separate advertisement and get your tickets now.

There will be an **Area Partnership Social** (walk, tea and worship) at Debenham URC on 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** 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 16th 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.

**The United Reformed Church
Eastern Synod
Church in Society Forum
Day conference**

Matters of Wealth and Debt

Saturday, 25th June 2011

Abbey Lane URC, Saffron Walden

See website:

www.urch-eastern.org.uk/MissionCommittee

**Plenary session will examine theological and
socio-political aspects of the current economic situation
and how it impacts on the most vulnerable
in society**

**Outcome based workshops will follow
particular themes:**

Ways local churches can provide support

Role of the CAB

Understanding benefit changes

Campaigning for fairness

Guild Report

On Tuesday April 12th we held the AGM in which the officers and committee were elected. We also agreed to distribute our existing funds to the church and the East Anglian Children Hospice. Our Bring & Buy Auction raised £56 for Crossroads and thanks are expressed to all our members for their generosity. The evening ended with coffee.

Our final Guild meeting of the Winter Programme was a Holy Week devotional led by Gill Taylor. Gill read bible readings, poems and reflections of Jesus during Holy Week from the Passover meal to his crucifixion. We also sang some lovely hymns accompanied by Diana. Many thanks to Gill for such a thoughtful devotional.

The first Guild Summer outing took place on Tuesday May 10th . We enjoyed a walk beside the River Brett and tea at the home of Elizabeth & Mike Meeks. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and we all enjoyed the blossoms & birdsong and the cake & conversation when we arrived for tea. Many thanks to all concerned.

June Outing

June 28th Supper at The Bell, Kersey. Depart 6.45pm R/D £1
Names to Harold Please asap

"I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ."

- Philemon 1:6

"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain, is floating in midair, until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life."

- Jane Addams

Confused over Digital TV Change-Over?

As I guess you know, and have probably done everything necessary for, in July the 'old' analogue TV service which we have been using since TV broadcasting began (or at least since the 1970's in its current form) will cease and we will be left with only the 'new' digital TV service.

If however you are not prepared and need some advice or assistance, then I am happy to lend a hand –give me a call. That includes if you have been converted by the government's help scheme and have been left mystified.

The facts are that on July 6th the 'old' BBC2 analogue signal will be switched off and if you have the digital service, then that equipment will need to be re-tuned. Then on July 20th the remaining 'old' analogue channels will be turned off and some further digital re-tuning may be necessary.

If you have not yet converted to digital, then you don't need a new television, but you will need a special box and perhaps also a new aerial system. Again let me know if you need help.

Nigel

If you are over 75 you can get free help and subsidised or free equipment. Ring 0800 4095 900—Ed

Do you remember the King James Bible?

When I was a boy and didn't appreciate the fineries of the English language, I found that the bible that was read in church was not the easiest to understand. Then in 1961 the New Testament was published as the "New English Bible" and printed like an ordinary book with paragraphs – and all was made clear! It was a bit of a reformation – at least I found it so!

And when I grew up I found that the old biblical translation, which was variously referred to as the "King James Version" or the "Authorised Version" wasn't so bad after all, but then there was a growing variety of other translations anyway. As I guess you know the King James translation is now 400 years old; it

was first printed in 1611. And at our Thursday Group meeting on October 13th we are planning to have a time devoted to this bible; so please put it in your diary and if you have any particular antidotes and memories of the King James Bible please come and share them.

The King James Bible wasn't exactly a new English translation; rather it was an attempt to make a 'good translation better' and to ensure that it didn't have a bias of which King James might disapprove. As now, there were existing at the end of the 16th century, various other translations. However there was only one 'denomination', the Church of England, so it did seem a good idea to have one authorised translation of the bible.

For the preparation of the King James Bible about 50 biblical experts were appointed and three of these men had their origins in Hadleigh, a claim which it is said no other town in England can match. Two at least had their early education at the Hadleigh Grammar School which according to WAB Jones (the former local historian and headmaster) was on the west side of the current Guild Hall.

The three Hadleigh translators were John Overall, John Bois and John Spenser. John Overall (1560-1619) became Dean of St Paul's Cathedral and finished his career as Bishop of Norwich; Overall was one of a team responsible for the first 12 books of the Old Testament. John Bois (1561-1644) was part of the team that translated the Apocrypha, but significantly was one of 6 scholars that reviewed the whole translation before publication and left copious notes on the thinking of the translators. John Spenser (1559-1614) was involved in the translation of the letters of the New Testament; there does not seem too much known about Spenser's early life other than that his father is believed to have been the rector of Hadleigh from about 1559 until his death in 1571.

But then 90% of the New Testament and much of the first 5 books of the Old Testaments was William Tyndale's translation of the 1534 and he was martyred as a heretic! Nigel

Prayer Page

Prayer Points for June in our Church

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

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 exams. Pray also for those you know whose employment prospects are uncertain.

Pray for our performance of Saints Alive and that those who don't know the story of Pentecost should feel drawn to come and hear. Pray about who you might invite

Give thanks for Anna, Lisa and Becky who are planning to go on mission to take God's love out into the world. Pray for their plans and their safety. Support them by attending the Barn dance and Auction of Promises on 3rd June.

Pray about the plans we have to re-order our church worship area to make it effective for today's mission. Pray about how you might support this work financially on our Gift Day, Sunday 12th.

Give thanks for the repair work that has been achieved in the Ansell Centre. Pray that we might find the resources to improve the kitchen, toilets and entrance area.

"But the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard."

- Exodus 23:11

THURSDAY GROUP

The Group will meet on Thursday 2nd June @ 7.30pm in the Community Room.

Speakers will be Anna Gordon, Lisa Guest and Becky West. They will be speaking of their plans to take the good news out to God's world.

Do come alone to both hear them & support them in their callings.

Time for questions, followed by refreshments.

Any questions phone Phil on 01473 827370

After a break to look at Revelation...

The **A-Z of the Bible** group starts afresh looking at some famous (and not so famous) events in the bible -

- Did it all really happen like that?
- What relevance do they have to our lives today?

Monday 27 June - we start with **THE CREATION STORY**.

It happened - we're here, but what does the story say to us today?

Anyone interested is welcome, most sessions are one-off, and hopefully encourage us to think further.

7.30pm at 6 Raven Way. Transport available. More details - Milly (827895)

"To have courage for whatever comes in life -- everything lies in that."

- Saint Teresa of Avila

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN JUNE

Thurs 2nd 7.30pm	Thursday Group, Community Room
Fri 3rd 12.15pm	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
7.00pm	Barn Dance & Auction of Promises, Ansell Centre
Sat 4th 2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 5th 7.00pm	Inspired, Church
Mon 6th 7.30pm	Church Meeting, Community Room
8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 7th 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
Wed 8th 7.30pm	Churches Together Worship Group, Salvation Army
Thurs 9th 9.00am	Toddler Group, Community Room
Sat 11th 9-12 noon	Prayer Morning, Church
2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
7.30pm	Saints Alive, Church
Sun 12th 10.30am	Gift Day and Pentecost Celebration, Church
Mon 13th 8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 14th 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Healing Prayer Service, Church
Wed 15th 12.15pm	Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Thurs 16th 9.00am	Toddler Group, Community Room
Fri 17th 2.15pm	Encounter, Monks Eleigh
Sun 19th 7.00pm	Inspired, Church
Mon 20th 8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 21st 10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am	Healing Prayer Service, Church

	8.00pm	Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh
Wed 22nd	7.30pm	Vision4Life, 6 Raven Way
	8.00pm	What do you think?, The George
Thurs 23rd	9.00am	Toddlers, Community Room
	2.00pm	Bible Study, Whatfield Salvation Army
Fri 24th	7.30pm	Prayer, Praise & Fellowship, Salvation Army
Sat 25th	all day	Matters of Wealth and Debt, Saffron Walden URC
	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Mon 27th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting, Community Room
	7.30pm	A-Z of Bible Events, 6 Raven Way
	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 28th	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 30th	9.00am	Toddlers, Community Room

"When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back. When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold back from setting it free, you must help to set it free."

- Exodus 23:4-5

Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy."

- Wendell Berry

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