

HADLEIGH
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 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 Dalglish unless otherwise noted

Worship in Hadleigh

Sun 2nd 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Sun 9th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Nigel Crisp

Sun 16th 10.30am Morning Worship

Sun 23rd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Eric Fisher
3.30pm Worship at Angel Court (ecumenical)

Sun 30th 10 for 10.30am Cafe Service and Confirmation

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

Sunday 9th 3pm Revd Jim Dalglish
Harvest Songs of Praise

Tues 18th 8pm Prayer & Praise

Sunday 23rd 3pm Mr Richard Jurd

"The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; [the Lord] upholds the orphan and the widow."

- Psalm 146:7-9

FROM THE MANSE

The Essence of our Faith?

You are one of a family of about 75 million. That is the number of REFORMED Christians around the world. As part of the URC, you are one of that enormous family. What does it mean to be Reformed? What is the essence of our faith? What makes us distinctive from other traditions?

At the heart of being Reformed, is a desire to hear God's word for us today and to re-form our life together in response to that word. That is why listening to Scripture and hearing the word preached is central. That is why gathering together at Church Meeting and hearing what God is saying is so important. We hear God's Word through the Bible and through one another. In response we re-form our communal life.

That is why, although we respect traditions that are handed on to us, we are always open to new ways of doing things. We sit lightly to forms of worship, liturgies, music, activities and buildings. These are not the essence, but are supports to our faith. The essence is hearing what God is leading us into today and being willing to risk travelling with him into the future.

Hadleigh URC is currently undergoing a Local Ministry & Mission Review (LMMR). As part of that process the Elders have produced a draft Mission Manifesto. It tries to define what God is calling Hadleigh URC to be. The Elders would like to hear what you believe God is saying about our life together. How are we to be Church in this place and time? Please ask Nigel for a copy of the Manifesto, read, pray and listen to God. Then share your thoughts with any of the Elders before the next Elders' Meeting on 7th November.

We are aware of the rapid pace of change in our society. The one constant in our lives is faith in God's love for us and for all. With our faith in God we can afford to let go of familiar comforters and trust God to lead us into new ways. Only then can we be sure that we are presenting the Gospel of God's

love in the most effective way for each generation.

Are you willing to let God re-form you to share his love with the world?

Yours in Christ, **Jim**.

Cafe Church

Why not try Church with a difference? People of all ages gather in the Ansell Centre after 10am to enjoy coffee, perhaps a bacon roll and to read the paper or talk to friends.

At 10.30am, while still seated around our tables, we start the service, which is very informal and reverent.

There will be songs, stories, readings and prayers. Join in the activities you want to, or continue reading the papers or just watching what is going on.



Why not come and give it a try? Our next Cafe Church Service will be on

Sunday 30th October
10 for 10.30am

At this service Eliza Bennett will be confirming the promises made on her behalf when she was baptised, as she makes her own confession of faith. Do come and give her your support.

Walk Through the Old Testament

This exciting event explores the Old Testament in a fun and interactive way. It is being organised by Churches in Hadleigh and is open to all who want to increase their understanding of the Old Testament Scriptures.

It takes place in the Ansell Centre on Saturday 19th Nov., 10-4pm and will cost £10 per person. Look out for more details.

Harvest Celebrations

We have celebrated the harvest of God's goodness here at Hadleigh URC and supported the work of WaterAid. If you would like the opportunity to sing more harvest hymns then here are two further options:

Sunday 2nd Oct. 3.00pm at Whatfield Chapel

Sunday 9th Oct. 3.00pm at Monks Eleigh URC

Why not come along and enjoy giving thanks to God, while supporting these small congregations of God's people. **Jim.**



PEGGY CRABTREE

(May 1916-May 2011)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

to be held at **3pm on**

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

in the

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

MARKET PLACE, HADLEIGH

With the

SERENDIPITY CHOIR

Guild Report

On Tuesday August 23rd friends from the Guild enjoyed and Barbecue supper at the home of Ken & Hazel Wilding. Due to a damp evening we spent a lovely time inside their splendid garage where we all enjoyed the beautiful food and many conversations. Many thanks to Ken & Hazel for their hospitality and also to Doreen, Jean & Bernard for all their help in making the evening such a success.

Our Autumn Programme begins on October 4th with a Social Evening in the Community Room at 7.30pm. All Welcome!

What do you thinkover a drink?

is a men's group, which meets once a month to discuss topics of interest. We meet in the George Pub at 8.00pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is on

26th October, 8.00pm

and we will be discussing

RETIREMENT

With increasing longevity, how do we deal with retirement? Is it right that people should now be able to work as long as they want? How do we pay for longer retirement periods and possible care in our old age?

If you would like to share your 'pint of view', then please do come along and join us. **Jim.**



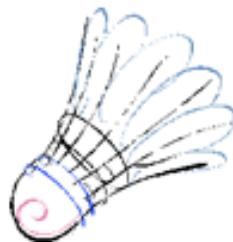
BADMINTON

You may or may not know that there is a badminton court marked out on the Ansell Centre floor.

Most Monday evenings from 8pm there is the chance to play a game or two with others of assorted ages and abilities. (For those wanting to test their skills there is a practice net available too.)

We play to win, according to the rules, but without too serious an approach. Those who know the rules are happy to instruct those who don't, and equipment can be provided.

So if you think this might be for you, contact Tom (07825641154) or Milly (827895) for more details.



What's the **BIG** i d e a ?



The whole Old Testament
as you have never seen it before

The Ansell Centre

Saturday, 19th November, 2011
9.30 for 9.45am until 5.00pm

To reserve your place contact:
ERIC FISHER
on 01473 823626
Cost: £10 per delegate

Event arranged by all Hadleigh Churches

The Sudbury Hymn

Oh Lord, we thank you for this rolling countryside
And for our lives along the wending Stour,
For ancient buildings, and the charm of Market Hill,
And buffs of mist across the meadows still,
For sunset views, on rural woods and fields around,
And friendly faces in our daily round,
Who serve and share, within this wide community,
The hope, and kind, forgiving love of Jesus Christ.

Here lived an artist in his youth in bygone years,
Midst mills and shops, weavers and engineers,
Help us achieve an even greater work of art –
'Your will,' reflected daily on our part;
Inspire us now! And dedicate our lives anew,
To your ideals; uplift our hearts with praise,
That we can live, and love this town, this countryside,
With Jesus Christ, our ever present, living guide.

Ashley Cooper

Two Films to Start Our Autumn Season

October sees the start of a full film programme at The Ansell Centre. Each month – with the exception of Christmas there will be two films – with the hope that our patrons will find something to please you all !

On 14th October is an all-action comedy RED , starring Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren , Mary Louise Parker John Malkovich and Karl Urban.

RED stands for “Retired Extremely Dangerous” - with Bruce Willis who finds himself on the run ,but enlists the help of fellow CIA retirees to help turn the tables on his mysterious pursuers. If you witnessed her award winning role in QUEEN , Helen Mirren now looks menacing as a gun toting granny !

However this film joins the ranks of many recent films who have been based on a comic book – in short a sentimental orgy of nostalgia for the good old days when the KGB were the enemy !

The film carries a 12a Certificate , and everyone is welcome to the presentation- (children should be accompanied)

In complete contrast on 28th October is a remarkable film **ANOTHER YEAR** from the acclaimed director Mike Leigh.

The director returns with a new film – more family portraits – of Ken, and Mary where sadness is not entirely absent from their lives His cast is chosen with care – Jim Broadbent and Ruth Sheen who play Tom and Gerri - a happily married middle-age couple content with their lives and fulfilled in their careers..

Spanning one year, the film follows the passing of the four seasons , since their home has become a magnet for lost and damaged souls : from Joe their breezy son to Tom's old mate Ken, overweight but now with his mind full of unresolved issues!
Cont. opposite

Prayer Page

Prayer Points for October in our Church

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

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

Pray for Lisa who is now in London on a gap year working with disadvantaged young people.

Much work continues to be done towards the re-ordering of the church and improvements to the Ansell centre. Pray for those with these responsibilities.

Give thanks for the life of Peggy Crabtree, who contributed so much to all in Hadleigh. Pray for her friends and family, as they plan and attend the Thanksgiving Service on the 8th.

Remember Eliza Bennett in prayer, as she prepares to make her own profession of faith and confirm her baptismal promises at the service on the 30th.

Pray about who you might invite to our next Cafe Service, which takes place in the Ansell Centre on the 30th.

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This is not a film for the fainthearted - it has earned five rewarding stars at the box-office and is a confident film from an acclaimed director . Your film committee has waited almost a year before obtaining a licence to screen ANOTHER YEAR.

The film carries a 12A certificate – all film patrons are welcome to see this presentation.

As always we will have an interval during the showing of both films, for the sale of refreshments, and ice creams. Our presentations start at 7.30pm. for both films.

BITS and SMALLS

The Monthly Finance report is available to view on the church Website on <http://www.hadleighurc.org.uk/Pages/Reports.htm>

If you wish to purchase tickets for the St Mary's **Harvest Horkey** on 1st October please phone Jimmy Wilding on 822550 or 07934535776. Tickets cost £12.50.

The Church Photo Board needs updating - some of the photos (especially of children) definitely show their age and some are fading.

If you have a better, more recent photo of you/your family group, I'd be happy to use it. If you'd like a new photo taken, please let me know.

The board is often commented on by visitors who recognise familiar faces, so it is worth keeping it up to date.

Milly

Remember the
Church Coop
Dividend number:
2295

All Good Gifts

I am collecting any unwanted gifts/good as new items for a stall in aid of Children In Need. Not clothes, or electrical items, but anything else that is new or nearly new will be most welcome!

Sarah Thompson 01473 - 829246

Dates for your Diary

The A-Z group reaches

C for the Mighty Contest at Carmel where Elijah issues a challenge.

Find out who wins, 7.30pm,

Monday 3 October

at 6 Raven Way.

More details; Milly (827895)

New members always welcome.

Please could you let me have all items for the Nov11 Newsletter by **Sunday 16th**

Sept (23rd if emailed)? Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to

11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh
Thanks, Phil

The King James Bible

What does the King James Bible mean to you?

What are your favourite verses?

What are your best memories of this 400 year old publication?

Come and share at the Thursday Group next October 13th at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

Nigel

Out and About -

9th Jim is at Needham Market

23rd Jim is at Needham Market

16th Nigel is at St Mary's Haughley

30th Nigel is at Christchurch Sudbury.

May I extend my *sincere thanks* to Eve and her merry band—Pat, Hilary and Elizabeth—for so willingly & cheerfully helping to transport me to Ipswich Hospital when I had to go on a daily basis for a few weeks. They took the worry out of a tricky situation and I am most grateful for their help and cheerful company.

Pat Messenger

HOLIDAY FUNDAY

Tuesday 30 August found a number of us in the Ansell Centre preparing for a party. Not just any party, for Zacchaeus was celebrating with his new-found friend Jesus (who'd actually invited himself.)

Janine helped us make pizzas, we produced some imaginatively designed biscuits and there was cake to share with our parents.

We played games, created bunting, streamers and paper chains to decorate the hall, sang, watched a DVD about Zac and made crafts to remind us about the story.

The under 5's (with carers) joined us for the afternoon session and seemed happy to mingle with the older children.

Most of all we were aware of God's guidance and presence as we shared a story of his love.

Many thanks to all who helped beforehand or on the day - it was good to work together.

Michelle, Milly and the team.

Pretty Woman (Preferably two!) Wanted

You are probably thinking that this is not the sort of thing to advertise in a church magazine. But before you jump to conclusions...

I have just been on the phone to a great entertainer who has been let down by his backing singers. He performs Roy Orbison and Cliff Richard songs for charity, which I think is wonderful. He is now looking for replacement ladies with the ability to commit to his project. This is paid work.

If you are, or know anyone who might fit the bill, I will be more than happy to put you in touch with the gentleman concerned.

(By the way, he is a committed Christian.)

Sarah Thompson

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes 2011

The 2011 campaign is underway.....so happy filling!!
If you need any help to find a shoebox do let us know.

Blessings, Doreen & Hilary

Boxes will be dedicated during our service on Sunday 13th
November

Our boxes will be going to Belarus this year. Last year our
boxes were among the 293,735 sent to Belarus.

Shoeboxes are distributed to 14 country's from Britain:
Belarus, Bosnia, Haiti, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia,
Montenegro, Mozambique, Romania, Serbia, Swaziland,
Ukraine, & Zimbabwe.

Teach me your ways, O Lord! Psalm 86v11

Thursday Group

We will be meeting on Thursday 13th October @ 7.30pm in the
Community Room. The speaker will be Nigel Crisp. Subject will
be the King James Version.

Talk followed by refreshments. All welcome

Any queries please phone 827370

*"Every truth without exception -- and whoever may utter it --
is from the Holy Spirit."* - Thomas Aquinas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN OCTOBER

- Sat 1st 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
- Sun 2nd 3pm Harvest Festival, Whatfield Chapel
- Mon 3rd 7.30pm Facilities Meeting, Community Room
7.30pm AtoZ of OT, 6 Raven Way
8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
- Tues 4th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church
10.30am Church Plans Group, Quiet Room
- Wed 5th 7.30pm Film Discussion Group, 6 Raven Way
7.30pm Churches Together Worship Group,
Salvation Army
- Thurs 6th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Room
- Fri 7th 12.15pm Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
- Sat 8th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
3.00pm Peggy Crabtree Thanksgiving, Hadleigh URC
- Sun 9th 3pm Harvest Festival, Monks Eleigh URC
- Mon 10th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
- Tues 11th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church
- Wed 12th 7.30pm Churches Together Forum, Salvation Army
- Thurs 13th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community
Room
7.30pm Thursday Group, Community Room
- Sat 15th 10-4pm Synod, Stowmarket URC
2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
- Mon 17th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
- Tues 18th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Healing Prayer Service, Church

Wed 19th 12.15pm Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
Thurs 20th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Room
Sat 22nd 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
Mon 24th 4.00pm Pastoral Group, 2 Queen's Row
8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 25th 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
Wed 26th 7.30pm What do you think?, The George
Thurs 27th 2.00pm Bible Study, Whatfield
Sat 29th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 30th 10 for 10.30 Cafe Church, Ansell Centre
Mon 31st 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

"Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?'"

- Proverbs 1:20-22

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Alternatively, it can be read from our website www.hadleighurc.org.uk and you can save a tree!

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