

HADLEIGH

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 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

Worship in September

- Sun 4th 10.30am Morning Worship with Renewal of Promises and Holy Communion led by Mr Nigel Crisp
- Sun 11th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Milly Dalgleish
- Sun 18th 10.30am Morning Worship led by the Explorers
- Sun 25th 10.30am Harvest Festival
3.00pm Civic Service at St Mary's Church
3.30pm Worship at Friars Hall (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 11th 3pm TBA
- Tues 20th 8pm Prayer and Praise
- Sun 25th 3pm TBA

"But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray." - Luke 5:15-16

FROM THE MANSE

Harvest

Harvest Festival is a time for celebrating God's goodness, not only in the fruit of the earth, but also in the harvest that comes from sharing God's love.

We have been blessed over the summer as a number of people have gone to various destinations to share God's love with those in need. Shortly Lisa will be going off to do that for an extended period in London. That is good and we must give thanks for the fruit of God's love.

However, we cannot just sit back and give thanks. We need to demonstrate our thankfulness for God's love by always asking the question 'How does God want me to share his love with those around, here in Hadleigh, among friends, neighbours and colleagues?' It is not necessary to travel to share the good news of God's love in Jesus.

The vision of Hadleigh URC is to challenge the community to respond to God's love as shown and taught by Jesus Christ. The best way to achieve this is by being God's love to those around. That is the greatest challenge we can present.

On Sunday the 4th September, we will be renewing our promises to make Jesus and his way of love the centre of our lives.

On Monday the 5th at Church Meeting we will be discussing the priorities for our life and witness together and agreeing a 'Mission Manifesto' that will guide us in the way we share God's love with our community.

Jesus told a story of seed being sown into different kinds of soil. The seed that fell on good soil bore a harvest of 30, 60 or 100 times. The seed of God's love, the Gospel, has been sown in our hearts. What sort of harvest are we going to bring forth?

I do encourage you to pray and prepare before coming along on the 4th and the 5th, when we will together commit to sharing God's love with the people of our community – and the wider world.

Yours in Christ,

Jim.

Renewal of Promises and Promotions - Sunday 4th September

We are planning our annual renewal of promises service on the morning of Sunday 4th September. This is a time when we can stand together and commit ourselves to the life of faith we have chosen.

The promises are based on the understanding of our **FAITH**,

Family

We, as children of God, promise to love and to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ, as we are able.

Adoration

We, confessing our faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, promise to worship and adore him as our creator, redeemer and the giver of life.

Inspiration

We turn to God to confess our sins and, trusting in his grace, to receive forgiveness, guidance and inspiration for our lives.

Tell

We promise, by that same grace, to be faithful witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Heal

And again by that same grace, we promise to allow Jesus to lead us into the works of healing and reconciliation he has planned for us.

This service is an opportunity for us to show that Jesus is of utmost importance in our lives. If that is true for you, please try to be present at the service. If you simply cannot be at the service for any reason (holiday, ill-health, etc), please let an Elder know **beforehand** by note or telephone, if you will nevertheless be

committing yourself to the promises. In that way we will know the full number of those in this fellowship who walk together in the service of Jesus Christ.

Also at this service we will be celebrating with those moving on to university, college, new employment etc. It is a time of giving thanks as we journey together as the family of God.

Jim.

Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Festival service will take place on the morning of Sunday 25th September. As always we are invited to show our thanks for God's love by bringing to God our gifts.

Gifts of produce or flowers will be given to those we know and to the Sue Ryder home at Chantry Park.

Gifts of money will go towards the work of Water Aid, a charity helping to bring supplies of fresh water to those who have none.

After the morning service at about 12.30pm, we will have a bring and share harvest lunch in the Ansell Centre. Do encourage friends to come to the service and the lunch.

On Monday 26th from about 10am we will sort and deliver the produce. All help will be appreciated.

SCRABBLE

The Scrabble Meeting is going very well at the moment and as we have got some new 2 letter and 3 letter words we are having great fun trying to get better scores. Scrabble is not a very quiet or peaceful game but loud moans and groans can be heard and often its daggers drawn. Perhaps lacking in Christian charity but really it's only fun. Don't forget anyone can come along and play - you will be made most welcome. Saturday 2pm to 4 pm with refreshments.

Barbara.

BIBLE A MONTH CLUB

The People's Bible tour kicks off. Hundreds of people gathered at Edinburgh Castle on a chilly evening in June for the launch of Bible Society's The People's Bible.

Some 35,000 people are expected to take part in the project, which runs until November. Using a digital pen, people will write two verses from the Bible, which are then immediately uploaded to the internet and available online. The scheme celebrates the King James Bible, which marks its 400th anniversary this year.

Launching the project, Scotland's Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop said, "I think this will help connect people again with the Bible in an accessible way. "What could be a more fitting way of celebrating the King James 1 of England, on the 445th anniversary of his birth?"

The People's Bible now tours the UK from the Orkneys to the Channel Islands. It is a joint initiative between Bible Society and the Scottish Bible Society.

To find out when The People's Bible is coming to a town near you, visit Thepeoplesbible.org. Do let Barbara Dixon know if you are aware of the People's Bible coming near Ipswich.

A-Z OF BIBLE EVENTS

looks at S for SINAI

We know about Moses being given the 10 Commandments but what actually happened there?

TO FIND OUT,

Come along to 6 Raven Way, 7.30pm, on MONDAY 12 SEPT.

Transport available - call Milly (827895.)

New members always welcome at the group.

30th SHCT Sponsored Bike Ride...

...Takes place on the 10th September from 9.00 a.m. to 5 p.m..

May I have some volunteers please?. There should preferably be two people on at any one time.

I normally split the day into two-hour intervals. Viz.

9.00 am to 11.00 am.

11.00 am to 1.00 p.m.

1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.



The person on at 9.00 a.m. would need to open the church and the person on at 5.00 p.m. will need to lock the church.

As requested before, I very much wish to be relieved of this task, and will gratefully hand over to any volunteer that would care to become our Organiser

You will be pleased to know that we recently received a grant of £5,000 from the SHCT. This was in addition to a £5,000 grant that we received from the National Churches Trust in February. Both were to help with the improvements that we are making to the church. RTH

Guild Report

On Tuesday August 6th The Guild held a coffee morning, raising £182.51 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. We were pleased to welcome friends from inside and outside the Church and thanks are expressed to all who those who helped in any way. Well done everyone.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME

September 13th Hollowtrees Farm Walk & tea

Depart 2pm R/D £1

Names to Harold 2 weeks before outing please.

The King's Speech Arrives in Hadleigh- For One Night Only !

The Ansell Centre is proud to present on September 23rd one of the most talked about films of the year:

Colin Firth best actor award at the Baftas playing King George VI

Helena Bonham Carter a worthy award for playing the shrewd, but supportive role to the King as both Duchess of York, and subsequently Queen Elizabeth.

For Geoffrey Rush who plays the exuberant Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue.

And not forgetting Michael Gambon, Timothy Spall, Guy Pearce and Eve Best who gave so much support to make this film rather special.

This is a handsomely furnished British period movie , a film that lifts our spirits - the film's story is known to everyone !

Do come early to secure a seat – the box office opens at 7.00pm. The King's Speech has a PG certificate so that people of all ages are welcome.

Admission is £ 3.00 for adults and £ 2 for accompanied children.

As always there will be a chance to enjoy refreshments and ice creams during an appropriate interval.

We look forward to your company !

"The important thing about protest is not so much the short-range possibility of changing the direction of policies, but the longer range aim of helping everyone gain an entirely new attitude toward war. Far from doing this, much current protest simply reinforces the old positions by driving the adversary back into the familiar and secure mythology of force.

- Thomas Merton

Prayer Page

Prayer Points for September 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 those moving on to new schools, colleges and jobs.

Pray for Lisa as she prepares to go off to London on a gap year working with disadvantaged young people. She leaves on the 15th September.

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.

At Church Meeting we will discuss the Mission Manifesto of our church. This is a document that will guide us in our life together as we witness to God's love. Please pray about the life of this church and plan to attend Church Meeting (Monday 5th Sept., 7.30pm in the Community Room) to share your thoughts.

Pray about who you might invite to our harvest celebrations.

Thursday Group

There will be no meeting of the Group in September but we will be commencing again on October 13th @ 7.30 in the Community Room.

Speaker will be Mr Nigel Crisp – subject The Bible.

All welcome

Any queries please phone 01473 827370

BITS and SMALLS

Remember the
Church Coop
Dividend number:
2295

Out and About -

11th September – Jim is at
Needham Market

18th September – Jim is on
leave

Nigel is at Sudbury URC on
25th Sept

September Craft Sale

As I am still running the
Capel Galleries Gallery, I
have had to cancel the
September Sale.

I am not sure about the
October one yet, but I shall
let you know in September
about that one. RTH

The Monthly Finance report
is available to view on the
church Website on [http://
www.hadleighurc.org.uk/
Pages/Reports.htm](http://www.hadleighurc.org.uk/Pages/Reports.htm)

Please could you let me have all items for the Oct 11
Newsletter by **Sunday 11th Sept** (18h if emailed)? Email to
phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh
Thanks, Phil

Dates for your Diary

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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.

VISION4LIFE GROUP - meets Wed. 14 Sept.
7.30pm, at 6 Raven Way.

Looking at "Getting on with it" - not just talking about evangelism but "doing" it.

What does that mean? - come and share ideas, - all welcome.

How do We want to be seen?

MISSION MANIFESTO

(How do we want to promote ourselves as a gathered community of Christ's people within the URC?)

The Elders have been encouraged to prepare a "Mission Manifesto" as a way of describing ourselves to the wider United Reformed Church and the Eastern Synod in particular. The Mission Manifesto will have particular significance when there are changes of pastoral boundary or of minister. This new document will be available for review at our Church Meeting on September 5th.

All members of the congregation are welcome to a copy before the Church Meeting, but since the document runs into more than 6 pages, only limited numbers of copies will be printed.

So if you want a copy before the meeting, please let myself or Sylvia know.

Nigel.

Prayer, Praise and Fellowship

There will be another opportunity to join in *Prayer, Praise and Fellowship* on Friday 9th September at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall. This is a joyous occasion when Christians from all churches in Hadleigh join together for informal worship and discussion, followed by shared food and great fellowship. Do come along if you haven't tried it before. If you have enjoyed it before, why not bring a friend? It is such a great opportunity to share faith and fellowship with other Christians in the town.

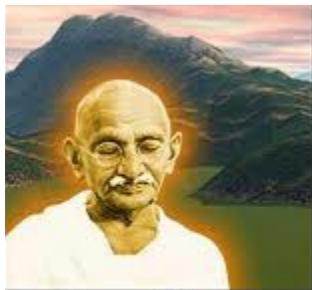
Wendy Atkins

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 28th September.

The subject for discussion will be:

Pacifism.



Is Pacifism a realistic option? Are there limits or should a pacifist always refuse to meet violence with violence? Can there be a 'just war'? Come along and share your 'pint' of view and hear what others have to say. All men welcome.

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

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?

When the Thursday Group next meets on October 13th at 7.30pm in the Community Room the subject will be the King James, or the Authorised, Version of the Bible. There will be opportunity to share. Please put it in your diaries, come along and invite others to come and join us.

Nigel

"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "

- Luke 17:6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN SEPTEMBER

Fri 2nd 12.15pm Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre

The Creation Exhibition opens in St Mary's today.

It is open daily 10-5pm until 28th September.

Sat 3rd 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 5th 7.30pm Church Meeting, Community Room

Tues 6th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church
10.30am Area Partnership Meeting, Stowupland

Wed 7th 7.30pm Film Discussion Group, 823413
7.30pm Churches Together Worship Group,
Salvation Army

Thurs 8th 9-11am Toddler Group, Community Room

Fri 9th 7.30pm Praise, Prayer & Fellowship, Salvation
Army

Sat 10th all day Churches Historic Cycle Ride
2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 12th 7.30pm AtoZ of OT, 6 Raven Way
8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 13th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church

Wed 14th 7.30pm Vision4Life, 6 Raven Way

Thurs 15th 9-11am Toddler Group, Community Room

Sat 17th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 19th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 20th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Healing Prayer Service, Church
8.00pm Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh

Wed 21st 12.15pm Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre

Thurs 22nd 9-11am Toddler Group, Community Room
 2.00pm Bible Study, Whatfield

Fri 23rd 7.30pm Digital Cinema: The King's Speech,
 Ansell Centre

Sat 24th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Sun 25th 10.30am Harvest Festival, Church
 12.30pm Harvest Lunch, Ansell Centre
 3.00pm Civic Service, St Mary's Church

Mon 26th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 27th 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 28th 7.30pm What do you think?, The George

The Creation Exhibition finishes today.

Thurs 29th 9-11am Toddler Group, Community Room

Printing cost

Hadleigh URC is happy to provide this Newsletter free of charge so that information about the church activities is freely available. However, for those who have enquired about making a payment to cover costs, the monthly cost of the Newsletter is approximately 45p.

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

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

- Thomas Moore

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