

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 3rd 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
led by Revd Ken Martin

Sun 10th 10.30am Morning Worship

Sun 17th 10.30am Morning Worship

Sun 24th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Nigel Crisp
~3.00 pm Baptism Service at Sizewell

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 TBA

Tues 19th 7.30/8pm Prayer & Praise

Sun 24th 3pm Mr C Wright

Services in Hadleigh Nursing and Care Homes and Sheltered Housing

If you wish to attend or assist with services in the local care homes, please contact the Link Person to check that time or date have not been changed due to unforeseen circumstances. The Link Person and the residents would value your presence. Here are the planned services **Jim**:

Place	Link Person	Monthly Worship
Sydney Brown Court	Jean Herring (823320)	Thursday 7 th , 10.30am
Canterbury House	Hilary Griffin (823100)	TBA
Waterfield House	Jackie Cork (823739)	Tuesday 19 th , 3pm
Friars Hall	Joyce Willis (823165)	Monday 4 th , 3pm
Angel Court	Brian Hempstead (810171)	Weds 13 th , 11am

FROM THE MANSE

Peace and Reconciliation

The risen Jesus stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' He also said, 'As the Father sent me, so I send you.' Jesus was sent by the Father to bring peace and he sends us to do the same. Peace is certainly sorely needed in our world today.

Paul, in a letter to the Corinthians, wrote, 'God reconciled us to himself through Jesus and he has given us the ministry of reconciliation.' We are called to bring people into relationship with God, to be reconciled.

The recent Spring School for Eastern and Thames North Synod Ministers was held at Corrymeela, the centre for peace and reconciliation on the north coast of Ireland. It was set up during the 'troubles' and worked for the peace and reconciliation of both sides.

We heard from local Christians who, in spite of having to look under their car for bombs and occasionally remove shards of glass from their own child, continued to work for peace between all sides.

An IRA activist who had seen a friend shot in the back by soldiers on Bloody Sunday told us that he eventually realised that violence would never achieve his aims and spent the next 32 years working for peace.

Harold Good told us of the difficulties in negotiating arms decommissioning between Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness; ultimately for progress to be made, both side have to recognise that they cannot get what they want through violence.

Ireland, although much better than at the height of the conflict, still needs that ministry of reconciliation; there are more than 50 'peace walls' in divided areas.

But what about the much smaller arena that is your church, or your town, or your family and friends? Conflict doesn't have to be on a large scale to destroy peace, to create disharmony.

How do you bring the ministry of reconciliation, given to you by Jesus, into the lives of those around you? In what way, when you meet with friends and neighbours can you truly say, 'Peace be with you'?

Yours in Christ, **Jim**

Wildfire

The story of Stephen

A Musical by Roger Jones

Following the success of Apostle and Saints Alive over the last two years we are looking for singers and actors for a production of Wildfire which is being held at Hadleigh United Reformed Church on Saturday 13th October 2012. Our launch rehearsal was on 26th May, but it is not too late to come and join in.

Singers of all abilities are welcome.

There will be music rehearsals in church before a summer break:

June:	Saturdays	3-5pm	2 nd , 16 th , 23 rd
	Wednesdays	7.30-9.30pm	13 th , 27 th
	Sunday	3-5pm	17 th (to be confirmed)
July:	Wednesdays	7.30-9.30pm	4 th , 11 th
	Sunday	3-5pm	15 th

You should try to get to at least 5 of these. There may be opportunity for others, if needed. Rehearsals will continue after the summer up to the performance on the 13th of October.

Rehearsals for actors will be arranged separately.

For more information please contact me on 01473 829246 or you can e-mail me on escamillo@hotmail.co.uk

I look forward to seeing you on the 26th, and if you cannot take part I hope that you will come along and support us.

Simon Thompson

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

- Joshua 1:9

Prayer Page

Prayer Points for June 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.

Remember in your prayers young people away at university, those preparing for exams and those completing their school or college education this summer, who are not sure what lies ahead.

Pray for all the work and planning that is going in to improving our buildings. There are complications with planning permission and funding arrangements.

Remember Anna Gordon as she prepares for her baptism service, which will take place in the sea at Sizewell on the afternoon of 24th June.

Pray for the work of FIND (Families In Need) and drop the occasional tinned or dried food item into the basket at the back of church. Speak to Barbara Dixon for more information.

8th – 10th June, 3 of the Sunday Club children will be at a CYM weekend at Sizewell. Please pray that they and others will experience Jesus' presence amidst all the fun and excitement.

16th June, Rachel Bennett is doing a sponsored swim for the work of Build Africa, the charity supported by Sunday Club.

"For [Jesus] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." - Ephesians 2:14

Guild Outings

We start our monthly Summer outings on Tuesday May 29th with a walk along the riverside followed by tea and cakes at the home of Elizabeth & Mike Meeks. Meet at Toppesfield Hall car park at 2.15pm.

The June outing on Wednesday June 2^{ih} is Supper at The Bell Inn, Kersey, leaving Hadleigh at 6.45pm. A menu is available from Elizabeth so please give your name and selection as soon as possible.

We look forward to an enjoyable Summer programme together and invite others to join us for a time of fun & fellowship. *Elizabeth*

Come and Sing by the Sea!

Anna Gordon has decided that the time is right for her to be baptised and make a public declaration of her faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Anna would like to be baptised in the sea with her church family around her (or at least on the beach). Therefore on the afternoon of Sunday 24th June we are planning a church outing to the seaside the Christian Youth Ministries centre at Sizewell, and it would be wonderful if as many as possible could be there. To this end we are planning to organise a coach.

We would travel from Hadleigh in the early afternoon for a service at about 3pm, have a service on the beach and then the baptism in the sea. After that we could enjoy a picnic together before returning home.

If you feel you might like to travel by coach to this wonderful occasion, please give your name to **Ann Howson** (310169) As soon as possible.

Please do pray for Anna as she prepares to make her public confession of faith and be welcomed into Membership at Hadleigh URC. **Jim**

After the May Show

What a glorious day for the Hadleigh Show this year – no rain, little wind and even some sunshine. It brought out a lot of people and we had a great time.

We served tea, coffee and cakes (and bacon and egg rolls!), sold sweets, provided children's crafts, displayed details of the life of Hadleigh URC and had endless conversations with lots of people.

Altogether it made an excellent window into the life of Hadleigh URC and, I believe, will have helped quite a number of people to see and experience a very different idea of what church life is about. We were able to be a quiet haven of rest, refreshment and concern in the midst of a bustling May Show.

Many thanks to Tom Gordon, who organised, set up, cooked, served and cleared away. Thanks also to many others who contributed in different ways to the success of the event, with special mention to Georgina and Chloe, who were still working hard as we finally cleared the showground at about 8.30pm.

Pray that conversations and kindness will bear fruit for the kingdom.
Jim.

What do you think ...

...over a drink?

Our monthly men's group meets in The George (back room) at

8pm Wednesday 20th June,

(Note: a week earlier than usual) when the topic will be:

Sport

The 2012 Olympics will cost us about £24bn. Will it be value for money? Will we learn about the Olympic values of Excellence, Respect and Friendship? Is sport good for community?



Come along and share your 'pint' of view. **All men welcome.**

BITS and SMALLS

Out and About -

3rd June – Jim is on holiday

10th June – Milly is at Long Melford URC

17th June – Milly is at Chappel URC in the evening

24th June – Jim is at Needham Market

Thursday Group

We will be meeting on the 14th of June (2nd Thursday of the month) @ 7.30pm in the Community Room.

The Speaker will be Mrs Barbara Dickson.

All welcome. Refreshments served.

Any queries please phone Phil 01473 827370

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

Please could you let me have all items for the July 12 Newsletter by **Sunday 10th May** (17h if emailed)? Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh Thanks, Phil

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

"God gives the desolate a home to live in; [God] leads out the prisoners to prosperity..." - Psalm 68:6a

A Meaty Thriller For June

The DEBT

It has been some while since we have featured a meaty thriller – our 22nd June film will rectify this imbalance.

This is an espionage thriller that begins in 1997 as disturbing news reaches two retired Mossad secrets agents about the fete of one of their former colleagues, David, played by Ciaran Hinds. The agents who make up the trilogy are played by Rachael - Helen Mirren - and Tom Wilkinson as Stephen.

The three agents have been venerated for decades by their country because of their mission in 1965 when the three tracked down a Nazi war criminal working under an assumed name in East Berlin.

The film starts when Helen Mirren is attending her daughter's book launch in Tel Aviv – which traces the exploits of the three agents. And through the medium of flashbacks the film relives these exploits.

Throughout the film THE DEBT tackles themes of humanity, revenge and truth so successfully that it is hard not to find it a powerful tribute to both the film's story and for the acting.

Our film starts at 7.30pm, carries a 15 certificate and admission is £ 3 for adults - unfortunately children cannot be admitted to this film. Refreshments: teas, coffee and choc ices will be served at an appropriate interval.

“Staying, we all know, is not the norm in our mobile culture. A great deal of money is spent each day to create desires in each of us that can never be fulfilled. I suspect that much of our restlessness is a return on this investment.”

- Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove from, *The Wisdom of Stability: Rooting Faith in a Mobile Culture*

An Invitation to a Celebration

Our friends at Christchurch, Needham Market are celebrating 350 years since the founding of their church in Needham Market with a series of events. They warmly invite us to share with them in this celebration. Here are some of the opportunities:

Saturday 30th June, 2- 4.30pm

Area Partnership Old Fashioned Garden Party with games and refreshments; Songs of Praise from 5pm



Please let **Jim** know, if you would like to go and can either offer or need transport.

Note that this is our annual Area Partnership event at which we can catch up with friends from other partnership churches.

Sunday 26th August, 10.30am

Revd Jim Dagleish leads his final service; sermon by Revd Dr Susan Durber, Principal of Westminster College
Followed by lunch. This event requires a ticket, which is free, as numbers are limited. See **Jim**, if you would like to go.

Sunday 9th September, 4.30 for 6pm

Bring and Share tea followed by the Induction of Revd Mary Playford as Minister at Christchurch. We will organise transport for this event nearer the date.

"The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all."

- Proverbs 22:2

A Jubilee Concert!



Hadleigh Choral Society

offer an evening of music suitable for a



Royal Diamond Jubilee

6.30pm Saturday 9th June

Hadleigh United Reformed Church



The concert will be followed by strawberries and champagne (or fruit punch, if preferred) in the Church garden or Ansell Centre, if inclement.

Tickets £10

available from The Idler, Hadleigh Thrift Shop or Members of Hadleigh URC or Hadleigh Choral Society.



All profits will go towards the refurbishment of the Ansell Centre kitchen and toilets.

Get your ticket now (see Jan) and why not get one for a friend?

"Once social change begins it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore."

- Cesar Chavez

After WaterAid

It was good to hear John Norton telling us about WaterAid recently, reminding us of the comparatively easy life we have in this country.

We have supported WaterAid on a number of occasions with special offerings. Another way of donating money and (more importantly) raising awareness at the same time is by having a fund raising event.

If anyone was moved by what they heard, why not organise an event – coffee morning etc. – to let friends and neighbours know about the good work that is being done?

If you need publicity, details etc., contact John Norton:-

nortonjr@virginmedia.com 01206 511477

Milly.

Deliverance from the North-European disease Psalm 23 for Busy People by Toki Miyashina, a Japanese Woman

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush,

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,

he provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.

He leads me in the way of efficiency; through calmness of mind.

And his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day I will not fret, for his presence is here.

His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of activity.

By anointing my mind with his oils of tranquillity,

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours

For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in his house for ever.

Your invitation to ... an informal event thinking ahead about

Harvest and Remembrance

Whether you plan or lead worship, arrange flowers, arrange seating, design banners, lead junior church, work with young people, or all or none of the above.

You are invited to a time of informal discussion, workshop and Bible

study thinking about how our churches can share the Christian message of Harvest and Remembrance with our own communities

Bring a car full of people from your church and discover new enthusiasm and ideas

- ⇒ Chat about much more than just services
- ⇒ Think about what the Bible says about this festival
- ⇒ Consider how your church appears to the wider community
- ⇒ Pick up new ideas
- ⇒ Share your thoughts
- ⇒ Try your hand at something new
- ⇒ Enjoy the fellowship- make new friends

We are running the same programme in four locations. If you cannot make your local event please attend any of the other venues as listed below.

Coffee and arrivals 6.30pm - 7.00 – 9.30pm

June 25th Christ Church Chelmsford **June 26th** Duxford Cambridge

July 2nd Needham Market

July 3rd Ipswich Road Norwich

Note: There is a car going to Needham Market on the 2nd July. Please let **Milly** (827895) know, if you would like to go with her.

Please could you let Linda Hack know if you are coming so that we can prepare a resource pack for you to take away with you.

Linda can be contacted by email on:

eastern.pa@urc.org.uk or by phone on: 01223 830770

OR get in touch with **Jim** to co-ordinate lifts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN MAY

Fri 1 st	12.15pm 8.00pm	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre Barn Dance, Ansell Centre
Sat 2 nd	2-4pm 3-5pm	Scrabble, Community Room Wildfire Rehearsal, Church
Mon 4 th	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 5 th	10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church
Wed 6 th	7.30pm	Film Discussion Group, 7 High Street
Sat 9 th	2-4pm 6.30pm	Scrabble, Community Room Hadleigh Choral Society Concert, Church
Mon 11 th	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 12 th	10-11.30 10.15am	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Prayer Service, Church
Wed 13 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Churches Together Worship Group, Salvation Army Wildfire Rehearsal, Church
Thurs 14 th	9-11am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Room Ansell Management Group, Quiet Room Thursday Group, Community Room
Fri 15 th	10-12 noon	HIP Coffee Morning, Ansell Centre
Sat 16 th	2-4pm 3-5pm	Scrabble, Community Room Wildfire Rehearsal, Church
Sun 17 th	7.30pm	Wildfire Rehearsal, Church (to be confirmed)
Mon 18 th	7.30pm 8.00pm	AtoZofNT, 6 Raven Way Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 19 th	10-11.30 10.15am 8.00pm	Come in for Coffee, Community Room Healing Prayer Service, Church Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh URC

Wed 20 th	12.15pm	Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
	7.30pm	Vision4Life, 6 Raven Way
	8.00pm	What Do You Think?, The George
Thurs 21 st	9-11am	Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Room
Fri 22 nd	7.30pm	Digital Cinema, Ansell Centre
Sat 23 rd	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
	3-5pm	Wildfire Rehearsal, Church
Sun 24 th	~3.00 pm	Anna's Baptism, Sizewell
Mon 25 th	8.00pm	Badminton, Ansell Centre
Tues 26 th	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
	10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
	12 noon	Lunch Study Group, 2 Queen's Row
Wed 27 th	7.30pm	Wildfire Rehearsal, Church
Thurs 28 th	9-11am	Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Room
	2.00pm	Bible Study, Whatfield SA
Sat 30 th	2.00pm	Garden Party, Needham Market URC

"[God] raises up the poor from the dust; [God] lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them [God] has set the world."

- 1 Samuel 2:8

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