

HADLEIGH
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



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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 Dalglish unless otherwise noted

Worship in Hadleigh

Sun 4th 10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion

Sun 11th 10.30am Morning Worship with Baptism

Sun 18th 10.30am All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday
led by Revd Jim Dalglish & Mrs Sara Pells

Sun 25th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd & Mrs D
Atkins

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 11th 3pm Rev Jim Dalglish

Tues 20th 7.30/8pm Prayer & Praise

Sunday 25th 3pm TBA

Mothering Sunday, 18th March

On Mothering Sunday we shall be having a service suitable for all ages and outlooks. Although we shall celebrate the love a mother has for her children and give thanks for that, our main focus will be on the self-giving love that Jesus showed us and on celebrating that love in every relationship.

At this service we shall be joined by representatives from the 1st Hadleigh Scout Troop. Please pray about who you could invite to come with you to this service. **Jim.**

FROM THE MANSE

Love Life – Live Lent!

By the time you get to read this we will be into Lent, when it is traditional to look at our way of life and try to align it more with Jesus. Often we try to do that by giving up something we enjoy – chocolate, alcohol and TV are prime candidates. If that helps you to focus on Jesus and to follow him, then it is a good thing to do.

Jesus gave up everything for us, dying to give us new life. But he lived to give fullness of life, as he promised, to all he met. He shared meals, enjoying food and wine, he brought healing and comfort to those in despair, he taught in such a way that his listeners' lives were made new – in so many ways he helped people to know what it really means to live. So why not spend Lent following Jesus' example and trying to bring fullness of life to those we meet?

To help us do that, we are going to use jelly beans. A bean appears hard and dry, but within it is life, God given life. One bean, by dying to self, can produce dozens of beans that can feed many people, thus sustaining life. It is a symbol of God's abundance. Of course it is not the only symbol and we'll use the variety of colours of the jelly beans to think about different ways that God blesses us and how we can bring blessing to others.

So each Sunday we'll use the jelly beans to think of some way in which we can help others to live life to the full. Each Sunday you will receive a jelly bean and a gentle challenge to carry out an activity which is life enhancing. Don't worry, nothing too difficult and nobody will be checking up on you.

If that isn't enough encouragement to live life fully, as God intended, then our Churches Together Lent study (see details elsewhere) is encouraging us to reflect on Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes and the way he lived them out. We are then encouraged to put them into practice.

Love Life – Live Lent, as we determine to follow Jesus and bring life in all its fullness. Yours in Christ, **Jim**.

A SENSORY GARDEN

You may know that last year we started a Friday morning gardening project. This has taken a break over the winter months, but will be starting again in the spring. You will have noticed the bench and tubs which were donated by a kind friend last year. In addition lots of bulbs have been planted and two bird boxes erected.

This year we are planning a small sensory garden for the area outside the Ansell Centre and behind the Ram. We envisage raised beds which are accessible for wheelchair users and with seats incorporated in them for people to sit and enjoy the various plantings. As Hadleigh Inclusion Project (for adults with learning disabilities) rent the Ansell Centre on Wednesdays and Fridays we thought it would be ideal as an outdoor space for them to enjoy – as well as any other users of the premises and members of the public.

We are very grateful to have received some funding from the Aldham Common Charity, the Town Council and the Hadleigh Thrift Shop. However we still need to do some fund raising of our own. During March we will be selling quiz sheets and on Friday April 20th HIP will be holding a coffee morning. If any keen gardeners could sow a few extra seeds and bring along some plants to sell, that would be much appreciated.

It would be lovely to see some more gardeners on Friday mornings. For more information about this or if you are interested in helping in any way with the sensory garden, please speak to Jan.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour."

- Isaiah 43:2-3

The Great Jelly Bean Easter

Thursday 5th April

10-12 noon Ansell Centre

**All children already in class Reception –
Year 6 welcome**

Join us for stories, crafts and games as we
find out about **The Easter Story**.

More details from Milly 827895 or Michelle
827757



If you are way beyond this age group do not despair, you are still invited to come, as a **helper**, for all or part of the morning. You can join in anything the children do, and even share the jelly beans!!!

Interested? Do let us know as soon as possible if you can help. (We really need to know by 28th March, to help our planning).
More details from Milly (827895) or Michelle (827757).

Guild Report

On Tuesday January 24th Guild friends enjoyed a Beetle Drive. The evening was one of great fun and jollity and we concluded with coffee and biscuits. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

On Tuesday January 31st we enjoyed an evening of music played by Elaine on the piano. Elaine had chosen a British theme as it is the year of the Diamond Jubilee and we were transported through the centuries and into different parts of Britain. Many thanks to Elaine for an evening of pure enjoyment.

March Programme 2012

6th Devotional led by Rev Jim Dalglish

13th An important Holiday - Wendy Atkins

20th No Meeting

28th AGM + Bring & Buy & Coffee

Meetings in the Community Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday Evenings unless otherwise stated. All Welcome

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:

Place	Link Person	Monthly Worship
Sydney Brown Court	Jean Herring (823320)	Thursday 1 st , 10.30am
Canterbury House	Hilary Griffin (823100)	TBA
Waterfield House	Jackie Cork (823739)	Tuesday 20 th , 3pm
Friars Hall	Joyce Willis (823165)	Monday 5 th , 3pm
Angel Court	Brian Hempstead (810171)	Weds 14 th 11am

Jim.

TAKE A STEP FOR FAIRTRADE.

Fairtrade fortnight runs from 27th February to 11th March and this year we are being asked to “take a step for Fairtrade”. The Fairtrade Foundation is aiming to reach their target of 1.5 million steps taken for Fairtrade by the end of 2012. Taking a step could mean any of the following:

- Buying a Fairtrade product – an additional one that you don’t normally buy.
- Asking a shop or restaurant to stock fair trade products.
- Telling friends about fair trade.
- Organising a fair trade event.

Fair trade is a simple way each one of us can make a difference through our everyday choices. It’s about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.



Look out for the fair-trade symbol on a wide range of products. Our local Co-op stocks all sorts of items including breakfast cereal, chocolate, sugar, cake, bananas and wine. Or why not buy a bouquet of fair trade flowers for mother’s day? These are available from M & S, Interflora and sometimes in the Co-op. It’s also possible to buy fair trade cotton and even fair trade gold.

I am hoping to collect lots of “steps” from members of the congregation in the next few weeks, so please be thinking about what step you might be able to take. In the meantime look out for more information in the Ansell Centre during the fortnight.

Jan

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whosoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'"

- John 6:35

Your March Films @ The Ansell Centre

9th March ORANGES & SUNSHINE A hard hitting drama about the scandal of child deportation to Australia in the 1960's – a bitter journey sugared by the promises of this film's title. Emily Watson stars as the Social Worker Margaret Humphreys who discovers the abuses suffered by the children. The film has a 15 certificate.

23rd March ST TRINIANS - “ The Legend of Fritton's Gold “ This is the second film in the anarchic school of free expression series – bankruptcy forces the hellcats into ways of saving their school . The late Ronald Searle created these “ladies”- and was forced to admit that they ruled his life thereafter ! A 12a certificate for the film

Admission to both presentations is £3 for adults, £2 for an accompanied child for the 12a certificate film only.

As always we will be serving both refreshments and ices at an appropriate interval.

Your committee look forward to welcoming you to our March films.

What do you think ...

...over a drink?

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

8pm Wednesday 28th March,

when the topic will be:

Do we have a democracy?

We are able to vote, but do the people have any real say in the running of the country? Come along and share your 'pint' of view. **All men welcome.**



Journey to the Cross **Encounter** with **Jesus** and each other an opportunity to travel with Jesus

Mon 19th March 2012

at St Joseph's R.C. Church, Hadleigh

from 10am - coffee

10.30am- - times of reflection, silence, listening

12.30pm - lunch (please bring food to share; drinks provided)

until 2pm - opportunities to chat, further reflection etc.

All are welcome and transport can be provided, so please ask.

More Details from:-

Anita	Joyce	Milly
810057	823165	827895

Children's Craft Afternoon **Saturday 3rd March 2-4 pm**

Pens, paper and pennies

Come and help raise money for **BUILD AFRICA** a charity which sends pens, paper and other things to African schools for children who have very little. We are hoping to hold a stall, after the service on Sunday 4th March, to raise funds for further support. At the craft afternoon we hope to make items, crafts and cakes to sell on the stall and for ourselves. We would love you to join us at the craft afternoon and to help on the stall on the Sunday if you are able.

For more information contact: Milly 827895, Michelle E 827757, Michele F 823634

Sunday Club would be grateful for any items to sell on the stall on Sunday 4th March.

We Journey through Lent and Holy Week to the Resurrection

During Lent, Holy Week and Easter we remember and praise God for the victory over death and sin won by Jesus Christ. Through his death on a cross and his rising again, he won forgiveness for our sins and he assures us of everlasting life. Why not come and join us as we study God's word, remember, worship and celebrate?

Lent Study Groups

You have the option of a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm or a Thursday lunchtime at noon (bring a packed lunch). We will meet in the Salvation Army hall and will be studying a course called "Life Attitudes", based on Jesus' teachings in the Beatitudes.

<u>Led by</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Title</u>
Martin Thrower	29/2 & 1/3	Living Well
Jim Dagleish	7/3 & 8/3	Living Openly
Greg Frost	14/3 & 15/3	Living Purposefully
Eric Fisher	21/3 & 22/3	Living Lovingly
Andrew Sankey	28/3 & 29/3	Living Differently

Holy Week

1st April – Palm Sunday – At Hadleigh URC

At **10.15am** we gather at the milestone on the High Street for a procession to Hadleigh URC. The service there starts at **10.30am** and together we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

5th April – Maundy Thursday

From **10am until 12 noon** - The Great Jelly Bean Easter as children from Reception to Year 6 learn about the Easter story.

At **7.30pm** we gather for a reflective service and, using readings and hymns, we recall the events of the Last Supper and the arrest in the garden of Gethsemane.

6th April – Good Friday

At **10.30** for **10.45am** we meet with Christians from other churches in Hadleigh outside St Mary's Church for a procession of witness through the town. We finish around noon at the Salvation Army. For those unable to walk with the procession a parallel service takes place in the Salvation Army.

Easter Sunday - 8th April

It is planned that there will be a sunrise celebration at the top of Constitution Hill, as there has been for the last few years. Look out for further details and timings.

At **8.00am** in church there is a meditative service, Good Friday to Easter, when we quietly reflect on Christ's death and resurrection.

This flows into an early Easter Communion service at **8.30am**, which is followed at **9.00am** by an Easter Breakfast in the Ansell Centre.

After breakfast at our all age **10.30am** Easter Celebration, as the family of God, we will give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and share in Holy Communion.

ShelterBox Boxes

ShelterBox have sent a letter of thanks for the sum of £2500 which we raised for their work. They have supplied us with the numbers of the 5 ShelterBoxes which we have funded in whole or part: UK0066283, UK0066284, UK0066285, UK0066286 and UK0066287. When I last checked on 15th February, they were awaiting deployment. If you want to find out where they are sent to bring relief in a disaster, you can look on the ShelterBox website - www.shelterbox.org

Jim.

"I hope that one day you will have the experience of doing something you do not understand for someone you love."

- Jonathan Safran Foer

BITS and SMALLS

Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser

Many thanks to all, for helping to make the Shoebox coffee morning a great success. £152 was raised, a fantastic result. Blessings, from Doreen & Hilary

Remember the
Church Coop
Dividend number:
2295

Joy In The Ups And Downs Of Life

Vision4Life group meets on Wed. 14 March, 7.30pm at 6 Raven Way

All welcome, as we look at Paul's encouraging letter to Christians in Philippi.

Transport needed? - Milly (827895)

Prophets Great And Small

A-Z of the Old Testament
Group meets on Monday 19 March, 7.30pm at 6 Raven Way.

All welcome to join in anytime, transport available.
Milly (827895)

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

Out and About -

4th March – Milly is
at Bury St Edmunds

25th March – Jim is
at Needham Market

Please could you let me have all items for the Apr 12 Newsletter by **Sunday 11th Mar** (18th if emailed)? Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh Thanks, Phil

Prayer Page

Prayer Points for March in our Church

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

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

Remember family and friends of those who have recently died
– Sheila Baker.

Continue to pray for Lisa who is in London on a gap year working with disadvantaged young people and for Tom and Lisa as they plan their future together.

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 God's guidance at our Annual and ordinary Church Meetings at the beginning of March. There is much going on and we need to seek God's wisdom for our decisions.

As we journey through Lent, pray that we grow closer to God and more faithful to Jesus. Pray also for our preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

Thursday Group

Next meeting of the Thursday Group will be held on March 8th (2nd Thursday) @ 7.30 in the Community Room. Speaker will be Mrs Marion Giles (member of our church) subject will be her testimony & ongoing walk with the Lord.

Apologies for cancellation of February's meeting – due to weather!!!

All welcome, refreshments served. Any queries please 'phone Phil 01473 827370

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN MARCH

Thurs 1st 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm
12 noon Lent Study Group, Salvation Army

Fri 2nd 12.15pm Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer, St Joseph's
8.00pm Folk & Acoustic Night, Ansell Centre

Sat 3rd 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
2-4pm Sunday Club Crafts for Build Africa, Ansell Ctr

Sun 4th 11.30am Sunday Club Craft stall for Build Africa,
Ansell Centre.

Mon 5th 7.30pm Church Meeting, Community Room

Tues 6th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
10.15am Prayer Service, Church

Wed 7th 7.00pm Churches Together Worship Group,
Salvation Army
7.30pm Lent Study Group, Salvation Army
7.30pm Film Discussion Group, 109 George Street

Thurs 8th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm
12 noon Lent Study Group, Salvation Army
7.30pm Thursday Group, Community Room

Fri 9th 7.30pm Digital Cinema, Ansell Centre

Sat 10th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 12th 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 Lent Study Group, Salvation Army
7.30pm Vision4Life, 6 Raven Way

Thurs 15th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm
12 noon Lent Study Group, Salvation Army

Sat 17th 10.30-4pm URC Synod, Braintree URC
2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Sun 18th 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service, Ansell Centre

Mon 19th 10-2pm Churches Together Meditation, St Joseph's

7.30pm AtoZofOT, 6 Raven Way

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 URC

Wed 21st 12.15pm Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre

7.30pm Lent Study Group, Salvation Army

Thurs 22nd 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm

12 noon Lent Study Group, Salvation Army

2.00pm Bible Study, Whatfield SA

Fri 23rd 7.30pm Digital Cinema, Ansell Centre

Sat 24th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

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

Wed 28th 7.30pm Lent Study Group, Salvation Army

8.00pm What Do You Think?, The George

Thurs 29th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm

12 noon Lent Study Group, Salvation Army

Fri 30th 10-12 noon HIP Easter Coffee Morning, Ansell Centre

Sat 31st 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

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