

HADLEIGH

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2012

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 6th 10.30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion

4.00 Joint Christian Aid Service at St Mary's Ch

Sun 13th 10.30 Morning Worship led by Mr Ron Wade

Sun 20th 10.30 Morning Worship led by Mrs Milly Dalgleish
with a speaker from Water Aid

Sun 27th 10.30am Cafe Church for Pentecost

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 13th 3pm TBA

Tues 15th 7.30/8pm Prayer & Praise

Sunday 27th 3pm TBA

*Please check
dates before
attending*

Hadleigh May Show

We will have a stall as usual on Saturday 19th May. We will be selling sweets and providing refreshments and generally showing who we are and what we do. Please support us if you can - by helping to set up on the Friday evening, clear away on the Saturday evening, helping out on the day, helping provide refreshments (cakes etc.) or just by visiting the stall! Please also let me know if you have any suggestions for the stall - it especially if any of the groups in the church wish to have a display, we will have notice boards there! I have free entry passes if you can help us on the day. Tom (text/call 07825 641154, email tom.gordon@hadleighurc.org.uk).

FROM THE MANSE

Families IN need D

FIND (Families IN need) is a Christian Charity that supplies basic needs – dried or tinned foodstuff, basic household objects or furniture – to families in Ipswich and the area, including Hadleigh, who have fallen on hard times. In these days of recession it tries to make life bearable for those most in need. Hopefully some of you will have heard Maureen Reynel speak on the subject one Sunday morning last month.

Churches Together in Hadleigh has adopted FIND as the charity it will support through offerings at our services. St Mary's have already established a box where donations of food can be dropped off.

This is a great opportunity for all the churches in Hadleigh to show that we not only make a difference to the lives of others, but that we work together to do so. What can we do for FIND?

- have collecting points in churches and church buildings for people to drop off food items
- establish a contact person who will get unwanted household items to FIND
- volunteer for the FIND van pick-up and delivery rota
- perhaps arrange occasional food collections in our supermarkets
- organise fund raising events for FIND
- encourage our schools and other community groups to contribute to the work of FIND

That is just a starting point and you may have further ideas.

In this Easter season we remember the blessing God gives us in Jesus and are challenged to let that blessing overflow to others; this is a simple way in which we can love our neighbour, as Jesus commanded us.

Please let me know if you think that supporting FIND is a good way of loving your neighbour and tell me how you would like to be involved.

Yours in Christ, **Jim**.

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 3 rd , 10.30am
Canterbury House	Hilary Griffin (823100)	TBA
Waterfield House	Jackie Cork (823739)	Tuesday 15 th , 3pm
Friars Hall	Joyce Willis (823165)	Monday 7 th , 3pm
Angel Court	Brian Hempstead (810171)	Weds 9 th , 11am

Jim.

Christianity Explored

Why do we go to church?

What does it really mean to be a Christian?

Who was Jesus?

What questions would you like to ask God?

What is life all about?

If you would like to ask questions like this, there is an opportunity coming soon, within a small group of people asking similar questions. In April it is hoped to start a **Christianity Explored** group.

Interested? Want to know more? Contact **Milly & Jim** (827895).

VISION4LIFE is moving house for one session - to 19 The Green, home of Wendy Atkins, We're enjoying being challenged by Philipians, and continue in Chapter 2 on Wed. 16 May, 7.30pm. Contact Wendy (822535) if you'd like to join in, or need transport.

Prayer Page

Prayer Points for May 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.

Pray for Leanne and Simon, who are to be married at Hadleigh URC on Saturday 5th May.

Cafe Church

Sunday, 27th May

Church with a difference:-

coffee & bacon rolls from 10am

worship starts at 10.30am.

Worship will be informal:-

newspapers available;

something for all ages

and outlooks.



Come and try this new way to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit on **Pentecost**.

Guild Report

On Tuesday March 13th we welcomed Wendy Atkins to the Guild to hear about the time she & David spent in America last summer as an extended honeymoon. Wendy had prepared a beautiful presentation with background music showing views of various parts of New England, churches of the area and wildlife. Their return trip aboard the Queen Mary had been a wonderful end to a marvellous holiday. Many thanks to Wendy for the lovely presentation and for sharing her experiences with us.

On Tuesday March 20th we held our Annual General Meeting. After the election of officers we thought about the distribution of our funds deciding on donations to the Church & the Felixstowe Seafarer's Centre, towards the purchase of Bibles. We then held a Bring & buy Auction and raised £45 for Out & About, an Ipswich Charity which helps disabled children.

The evening ended with coffee & biscuits and thanks are expressed to all who helped in any way and to all for their generosity.

Our Holy Week Devotional held on Tuesday April 3rd was led by Mrs Mary Boon. Mary read some of the well known and less well known Easter readings and each was followed by prayers for the world, We also sang some much loved Easter hymns and thanks are expressed to Mary for sharing her thoughts with us and to Diana for playing the piano for us.

Our Winter programme is now completed and we look forward to our monthly Summer Outings. Many thanks to all our friends who meet week by week and to all our speakers.

Hadleigh High School Fete 12th May 2012

From 11 am – 4pm, the day promises to be packed full of special events, games, live performances, competitions and more! A fun day for all the family, and half their proceeds go to Cancer Research! So enjoy the day and contribute to a remarkable charity. So please join us at Hadleigh high school for a day packed with the entertainment and fun for all! For other details, please email 08quddusf@hadleighhigh.net.

"Be Still" Day ENCOUNTER

with **Jesus** and each other

Clare Priory, Suffolk

Thursday 31 May 2012

An opportunity to listen to and reflect on God's word, led by members of the Community, or have time to wander in the beautiful grounds.

9.20am - arrivals, and time to relax in God's presence.

10am - all are welcome to go to Mass if they wish.

10.30am - arrivals for those coming later.

~10.40am - coffee, followed by reflections on the theme of the day times of quiet, lunch etc.

3pm - the day ends with tea at 3pm.

COST - £12 for the day

(includes tea/coffee - please bring a packed lunch.)

Suggested donation of £2 for petrol for each passenger

£5 deposit requested please.

PLEASE REPLY BY 17TH MAY!

NAME _____

I can offer transport

I need transport

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

E MAIL _____

Please return: Anita (810057), Joyce (823165), Milly (827895)
with £5 deposit by 17 May.

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 (actual venue to be decided) 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, 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) by the end of May.

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

What do you think ...

...over a drink?

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

8pm Wednesday 23rd May,

when the topic will be:

Marriage



Is marriage no longer fashionable? Is living together the same as marriage?
Should the government be allowed to change the definition of marriage?
Should churches be permitted to host same-sex partnership services?

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

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.

Singers of all abilities are invited to turn up for the launch rehearsal:

3-5pm Saturday 26th May, in Hadleigh URC

when we will have a full run through and distribute the music books and rehearsal CDs. If you cannot be there, please get in touch.

There will be further 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

BITS and SMALLS

Please support the **Christian Aid service** at St. Mary's on Sunday 6th. May at 4.00pm.

Thank you so much to all my kind friends at URC who have shown love and care in many different ways since my operation Very gratefully Pat Langley

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with cleaning the church and arranging flowers for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It looked beautiful.

Help needed – I would love to hear from anyone who could help me deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes in Clopton Gardens and Dunton Grove during the week beginning May 13th. Jan

JELLYBEAN EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Many thanks to those who helped at the club, and to those who showed an interest in what went on. We've had some good feedback from those who came, and pray that God will continue to bless these young lives. If anyone is interested in joining in future club sessions, do get in touch, as we need to decide soon what happens next. Michelle (827757) Milly (827895)

Please could you let me have all items for the June 12 Newsletter by **Sunday 13th May** (20th if emailed)? Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh Thanks, Phil

What's on

Church Meeting

Please note that Church Meeting is on 28th May (not 4th June) in order to avoid the Bank Holiday. **Jim**

Sunday 20th May

We have in the past supported the work of the Charity Water Aid. At our morning service on the 20th May, which is led by Milly, we will hear from a speaker from Water Aid who will give us more information about their work.

Out and About -

13th May – Jim is on holiday

20th May – Jim is at Needham Market

Help Needed!

On Sunday 27th May we are planning a Cafe Service for Pentecost at which we shall provide coffee and bacon rolls. If you feel you could be part of the team preparing the bacon rolls, please have a word with **Jim**.

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TUESDAYS 1.30-3.30 £1.
with tea, coffee. for
details phone Hilary. 01473
824245.

Thursday Group

Next meeting of the Thursday Group will be held on May 10^h (2nd Thursday) @ 7.30pm in the Community Room. Speaker will be Mr Victor Goh – Subject Christian Fellowship.

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

Christian Aid Week 6-13th May 2012

Christian Aid, supported by the work of many Christians, makes an enormous difference to the very poorest people in the world. Please choose to be part of that work this year:

Worship and Learn – a speaker from Christian Aid will be helping us to understand better the impact of our work through Christian Aid. They will be speaking at the Churches Together Christian Aid Service: **4pm Sunday 6th May at St Mary's**

Come and worship with fellow Christians and contribute to this important work.

Share and Collect – offer to be a Christian Aid collector. Not only will every penny make a difference, but you will have the opportunity to witness to your Christian faith.

Socialise – offer to organise a social event that will raise money for Christian Aid. You can have a good time with friends and neighbours over coffee, or nibbles or even a sunny barbecue, and the result will be life saving for some.

In order to 'share and collect' or to 'socialise' please contact **Glenda Druce** (827242).

If you would like to read at the service on the 6th, please speak to **Jim** (827895).



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.

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Michelle (827757) Milly (827895)

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

Enjoy the fellowship- make new friends

Try your hand at something new

Share your thoughts

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

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.

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 26th May, 12 noon– 4pm

Grand opening; view the timeline, banner and other exhibits; refreshments available; drop in any time

Saturday 26th May, 6.30 for 7pm

A celebratory concert; light refreshments *

Saturday 30th June, 2- 4.30pm

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

Sunday 26th August, 10.30am

Revd Jim Dalgleish leads his final service; sermon by Revd Dr Susan Durber, Principal of Westminster College
Followed by lunch *

Sunday 9th September, 4.30 for 6pm

Bring and Share tea followed by the Induction of Revd Mary Playford as Minister at Christchurch.

The events marked * require a free ticket, as numbers are limited. Contact **Jim** (827895), if you would like to go.

THE JOURNEY of the A-Z GROUP

is going in a New Testament direction for the summer, as we celebrate Pentecost by looking at what happened when the Holy Spirit came, and what the Spirit's presence means for the church today.

Come and join us if you've always wondered about this aspect of Christian life. MONDAY 21 MAY, 7.30pm at 6 RAVEN WAY
Transport available - contact Milly (827895)

Ceremonial Opening of a Kindergarten in a Fijian Jungle Village

At our marriage one year ago our friends gave generous gifts of money to support a project on which we had set our hearts. We had previously visited a village of around 150 people in the interior of Fiji and found that they needed a kindergarten. Older children crossed the river on horse-back and then travelled several miles along an unmade road to school. The younger ones were educated in the open air, in the village. Our friends gave generously so that we had more than £4,000 to enable building to start.

Contacts in a jet boat safari company and the hotel business enabled safe transfer of the money and arranged for the levelling of the site and the construction of the building. This was no simple matter and when we visited again on Leap Year Day, 29th.February we had no idea how far the project had developed. Severe flooding had made the village almost inaccessible for some months and the first site cleared had proved unsuitable. Building materials had to be carried initially behind four wheel drive vehicles, then across the river on rafts and then dragged by quad bikes to the building site. Would the “kindi” be complete on the day of our proposed visit?

After an hour’s journey by car and another half hour by jet boat we reached Toga village. There in a prominent position above the village stood a remarkable new building, 12x8 metres, solidly built and decorated for the occasion. We were delighted by what had been achieved. Many ceremonies, speeches, worship and much drinking of kava took place, before we cut the ribbon, unlocked the door and entered their building hand-in-hand with the little children. The ladies had decorated the inside with great multi-coloured swags of fabric. Music and feasting followed, a whale’s tooth was presented, tapa, bark cloth prepared and decorated for the occasion, was given and a roast pig surrounded by taro roots and plantains added to the feast.

At the opening of the kindergarten a tropical downpour had driven everyone inside, so the return to the jet boat by means of liquid mud paths needed burly Fijians to keep us upright. Once on the boat another downpour turned to hail stinging us with needles of ice. Finally back at base we were able to order furniture for the kindergarten, astonished that it would be made and ready the following week.

We want to thank all our generous friends whose wedding presents made this project possible for the benefit of future generations in this very remote community in the centre of the Fijian jungle.

Wendy & David Atkins

Two Films - Music - And A Surprise !

May is a special month in the Ansell Film Calendar. We are celebrating the 1950's - a tribute to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee featuring a classic film released early in her reign. And music from that era; plus a special tribute to the 1950's to accompany the screening of THE LADYKILLERS A feast – **and you are all invited !**

On 11th May we will be screening MY WEEK WITH MARILYN. Actress Michell Williains make a mesmeric Monroe in this film which covers the making of the 1956 film “ The Prince and the Showgirl “. Written by Terence Rattigan the film became a legend for the lack of chemistry between Monroe and Sir Lawrence Oliver. With a 15 certificate the film is backed by an all-star cast.

As a preface to the film we welcome Hilary Spinn who is a devotee of the 45 r.p.m. 7Inch vinyl record : remember those little records with the large hole in the centre. ? She will be presenting” Sounds of the 1950's” - a short programme of music to set you in the mood.

On 25th May we screen THE LADYKILLERS. Released in 1955 by Ealing Studios it was the last of their Black Comedies . Alec Guinness, Cecil Parker, Peter Sellers, Herbert Lom and Katie Johnson, all combine to give you an evening of outstanding pleasure. The film's story revolves around the life of an eccentric widow who rents out one of her rooms to a clutch of practising musicians .In 2011 the film spawned the stage play – now running in London's West End. Our film carries a 12a certificate – children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Our Surprise . A prelude to this evening is a short, but nostalgic look at life on film from the local archives – events from this period in our history which we hope will set the tone for our main feature film !

Both our film presentations start at 7.30pm, admission is £ 3 and £2 for children (in new money) and our established refreshments will reflect 2012 rather than the 1950's !

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN MAY

Tues 1st 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room

10.15am Prayer Service, Church

10.30am Area Partnership Meeting, Stowupland

7.30pm Worship Team, Upper Community Room

Wed 2nd 7.30pm Churches Together Worship Group,
Salvation Army

8.00pm Churches Together Forum, Salvation Army

Thurs 3rd 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm

6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church

7.30pm Film Discussion Group, 18 Ann Beaumont Way

Fri 4th 12.15pm Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre

8.00pm Folk & Acoustic Night, Ansell Centre

Sat 5th 2.00pm Wedding, Church

Sun 6th 4.00pm Churches Together Christian Aid Service,
St Mary's

Mon 7th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 8th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room

10.15am Prayer Service, Church

7.30pm Elders' Meeting, Community Room

Thurs 10th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm

7.30pm Thursday Group, Community Room

Fri 11th 7.30pm Digital Cinema, Ansell Centre

Sat 12th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 14th 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 15th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room

10.15am Healing Prayer Service, Church

Wed 16th 12.15pm Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre

7.30pm Vision4Life, 19 The Green

Thurs 17th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm

Fri 18th 10-12 noon HIP Coffee Morning, Ansell Centre

Sat 19th all day Hadleigh URC at May Show
 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room

Mon 21st 7.30pm AtoZofOT, 6 Raven Way
 8.00pm Badminton, Ansell Centre

Tues 22nd 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
 10.15am Prayer Service, Church
 8.00pm Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh URC

Wed 23rd 8.00pm What Do You Think?, The George

Thurs 24th 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm
 2.00pm Bible Study, Whatfield SA
 7.00pm Ansell Management Group, Community Rm

Fri 25th 7.30pm Digital Cinema, Ansell Centre

Sat 26th 2-4pm Scrabble, Community Room
 3-5pm Wildfire Rehearsal, Church

Sun 27th 10 for 10.30am Cafe Church, Ansell Centre

Mon 28th 7.30pm Church Meeting, Community Room

Tues 29th 10-11.30 Come in for Coffee, Community Room
 10.15am Prayer Service, Church
 12 noon Lunch Study Group, 2 Queen's Row

Thurs 31st 9-11am Little Angels Toddler Group, Community Rm

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

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