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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 Dalgleish unless otherwise noted

- Sun 5th 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sun 12th 10.30am Morning Worship
Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Worship for Pentecost with
Baptism
Sun 26th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Milly Dalgleish

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

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| Sun 12th | 3pm | TBA |
| Tues 21st | 7.30 for 8pm | Prayer & Praise |
| Sun 26th | 3pm | Rev. Jim Dalgleish |

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. - **John 8:7-9**

Consider that the chief dangers which confront the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and heaven without hell. -**William Booth**

FROM THE MANSE

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

With the whole of the world church we have celebrated Easter, proclaimed that Christ is Risen and set out with determination to live out our Easter faith. The first disciples must also have celebrated as they met with Jesus, by an empty tomb, in an upper room, on a road to Emmaus, by a lakeside, on a hillside in Galilee, and finally at Bethany, where he left them. They too were sent out to live out their Easter faith – to preach a message of repentance and forgiveness to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. They were sent by Jesus to be witnesses to all that had happened.

But there was an important first step! Jesus said to them “You must wait in Jerusalem until the power from above comes down upon you.” This is the gift of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus had promised them before he was arrested and crucified.

This month on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May we remember and celebrate that gift, which brought the Church into being. Before his arrest, Jesus prayed for his disciples and for us, those who believe because of their message.

Praying for us, Jesus said:

“Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me.”

This rather complex verse is saying, somewhat amazingly, that God is in us and we are in God! That is an astounding concept. Wherever you go, whatever you are doing, God is within you.

As we live each moment, knowing that God is within us, we can make a difference to the lives of those we meet. Only because God’s Spirit is within us are able to show people the reflection of Jesus. Isn’t that a wonderful privilege and opportunity?

This Pentecost celebrate the birth of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit, know that God is within you and go and change the world.

Yours in Christ, **Jim**.

What do you think ...

... about the Cypriot Banking Crisis ...

... over a drink?



Should the account holders have to pay or should the tax payer bail out the banks? Is the Euro doomed? Come along and share your wisdom or you may prefer just to listen to what others think about the topic. However you come, come along and enjoy yourself and you will be made welcome.

We meet on

**Wednesday 22nd May at 8pm
in The George.**

This is a men's discussion group where we come to air our 'pints of view' and to learn by listening to others. We may not come up with any answers, but we will consider some interesting questions.

If you think this might be of interest, please just turn up, or get in touch with **Jim** on 827895.



A group of men, keen to discuss questions about the Christian Faith, met in the upper room in The George last month. Over a drink we were able to ask any

questions we wanted and to offer our opinions. Or we could just sit and listen and think.

We will be continuing to explore the Christian faith in May. The next meeting is Tuesday 14th May at 8pm. If any men think they might like to join us, just see **Jim** or come along to The George.

As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

- John 5:30

A-Z BACKPACKING TOURS

Not for the fainthearted, covering large areas of the Mediterranean and beyond.

But Paul, converted to following Jesus, and with his own personal tour guide (the Holy Spirit), took it all in his stride and spread God's love far and wide.

Why not join us as we travel (from the comfort of an armchair) along with Paul, and learn how God guided and cared for him through amazing adventures.

Three separate journeys - the first one starts on Monday 20 May, 7.30pm, at 6 Raven Way.(827895)

New travellers welcome, passports not required.

Milly and the A-Z study group.

Holy Communion

If you are interested in Holy Communion, why we do things the way we do, then there is an opportunity to learn more about this service at the heart of our worship.

Peter Ball, the Synod Training Officer will be leading a teaching session on Holy Communion

7.30pm, Tuesday 14th May at Stowmarket URC

This is an event not only for Elders and Lay Preachers who may be called to preside at Communion in church or at home, but also for those who simply want to know more about this meal, which Jesus commanded us to share in remembrance of him.

If you might like to attend, please contact me so that we can share transport.

Jim.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. - **John 1:5**

Prayer Page

Prayer Points for May in our Church

Pray for the Elders who meet on Monday 13th to continue discussions on leading the church during the vacancy.

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

Pray for the family and friends of Samantha Greenwood as she brings Mandy-Jane for baptism on the 19th.

Don't forget to pray for the roads of Hadleigh each week.

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

As we prepare for our Pentecost celebration service for the 19th, pray for God's leading in our plans.

Pray for all the activity involved in making the Monks Eleigh URC chapel suitable for use as a retreat centre.

More Silver to Share

Following the success of the well- attended course *Sharing the Family Silver* held in autumn 2012 Churches Together in Hadleigh is offering a follow up course entitled *More Silver to Share*. In the original course each tradition outlined its main characteristics with opportunities for questions and discussion. This time we will examine features which we share, but may approach in different ways. The meetings will take place at the Salvation Army hall on Thursdays from 12-1.30pm

Please bring a packed lunch, hot drinks will be available. The topics, dates and co-ordinators are as follows:

May 23 rd .	Worship	Wendy Atkins
May 30 th .	Belonging	Cath Gaynor
June 6 th .	Administration	Sheila Webb
June 13 th .	Education	Anna McCrae
June 20 th .	Rites of Passage	Jane Crowe

Guild Report

The Guild held its AGM on Tuesday March 19th in the Community Room at 2.30pm. The Officers were elected and discussions took place about distribution of funds and Summer Outings. The Bring & Buy Auction then took place and £41 was raised for the Red Cross. Our afternoon ended with tea & biscuits and thanks are extended to all who helped in any way and to all for their generosity.

On Tuesday March 26th Gill & Mary led the Guild Holy Week Devotional. Gill talked about the people that were at the Crucifixion and thought about the soldiers that were present.

We heard Bible readings, poems and reflections and enjoyed some favourite hymns. Many thanks to Gill & Mary for sharing their thoughts with us and to Diana for accompanying the hymns.

This concludes our Winter Programme and we look forward to our Summer Outings.

Churches in Hadleigh – Praying for Hadleigh

Churches in Hadleigh have committed themselves to praying for our town. Over the course of each year we plan to pray for every street in Hadleigh. In the coming weeks, please pray for the following street:-

Week commencing	Streets
Sunday 5 th May	Benton Street + Tinkers Lane + Carders Close + Raven Way + Cranworth Road + Cross Maltings
Sunday 12th May	Bradfield Avenue
Sunday 19th May	Bradfield Crescent
Sunday 26th May	Brett Avenue + Delf Close + Newhaven Way + Ramsey Road + Grays Close
Sunday 2nd June	Buckenham Road + Meriton Rise

If you know people who live in these streets, please pray for them by name. Otherwise, please pray in general for each street. **Jim.**

BITS and SMALLS

Remember the
Church Coop
Dividend number:
2295

Newsletter

Do you need a paper copy of the Newsletter?
Would you be happy to download it from the website?
If so, let **Jim** know. It will save money in printing and time in delivery.

Thank you

Many thanks to all our church friends for their cards and good wishes on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 30th 2013. We had a lovely celebration with family and friends and it was made even more enjoyable with the added good wishes of so many of our other friends.

Thank you once again from Elizabeth & Mike Meeks

SENSORY GARDEN

Now that the work on the Ansell Centre kitchen and toilets has been completed, we are planning a small sensory garden on the rough area of ground between the Ansell Centre and the Ram. If you are interested in being involved in any way with this project, please speak to Jan. Also look out for a fun flower quiz and other fund raising events.

Out and About

26th Jim is at Mendlesham

Please could you let me have all items for the June 13 Newsletter by **Sunday 12th May** (19th if emailed)? Email to phil@the-wells.net, post to 11 Jordayn Rise, Hadleigh Thanks, Phil

Pentecost

The Easter season, our celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection, his triumph over sin and death, comes to an end with the day of Pentecost. This was the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on Peter and the other disciples and, as they spoke in many different languages, they shared the good news of Easter with the crowds who were in Jerusalem.

The Bible tells us that many people believed their message, were baptised and 3000 were added to their number. It can accurately be described as the birth day of the Church. Since then where people have been obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and have shared the good news of Jesus, the Church has continued to grow.

On 19th May, at our morning service we shall celebrate the birth of the Church, with a celebration of worship and rejoicing. We shall also rejoice in the gift of new life as Mandy-Jane Greenwood is brought by her parents and friends for baptism.

We can't have a birthday celebration without cake, so if you can contribute one for after the service, please let me know. **Jim.**

Christian Aid Week 12th.-18th.May

The theme this year is ***Bite Back at Hunger.*** After our young people took the lead in inviting Miriam Webb to speak at their Contemporary Worship Celebration about the work of Christian Aid, can we back their initiative in providing more house to house to house collectors for this vital work? If this is a challenge you can accept do please see Jim or get in touch with Glenda Druce on 01473 827242. Your offer will be much appreciated.

All are welcome!

As I hope you are by now aware, the church is planning a 'formal' farewell for the weekend of 28th/29th September – Saturday evening social and final service on the Sunday morning. Make sure you have the dates in your diary!

However, Milly and I would like you all to come and see us at the Manse in the summer before we go. While it is always delightful when people drop in unexpectedly, rather than risk disappointment and finding we have run out of cake, we thought we would offer two opportunities, when you will find us at home with cake!

Wednesday August 21st, 7 – 10pm

OR

Sunday September 1st, 3 – 6pm

You are warmly welcome to come to one or other of these two occasions, when there will be opportunity for conversation and refreshments.

Please put the dates in your diary. We will be asking nearer the time for an indication of intent to help us with the catering arrangements.

Jim.

Pastoral Care

The pastoral care system has been re-organised to cope with the increased numbers who are part of our church family. Fortunately we have also had some extra volunteers to help provide pastoral care.

You should receive a note about the system, which also includes details of who your Pastoral Carer and Elder are. It will also list the other members of your pastoral care group. Look out for them, as you have a responsibility to care for one another.

If there are any questions or concerns, speak to your Pastoral Carer, Elder or to me. **Jim.**

Services in 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 day have not been changed due to unforeseen circumstances. The Link Person and the residents would value your presence.

N.B. The details below show the day of the month NOT the date.

Here are the planned services:

Place	Link Person	Usual Monthly Worship
Sydney Brown Court	Jean Herring (823320)	1 st Thursday, 10.30am
Canterbury House	Hilary Griffin (823100)	2 nd Tuesday, 2.30pm
Waterfield House	Jackie Cork (823739)	3 rd Tuesday, 3pm
Friars Hall	Joyce Willis (823165)	1 st Monday, 3pm
Angel Court	Brian Hempstead (810171)	2 nd Weds, 11am
Magdalen House	Chris Todd (827915)	last Thursday, 11am

N.B. This month service is at 11am on Wednesday 15th

Jim.

URC HOLIDAY FORUM 2013

Saturday 17th to Friday 23rd August

Journeying with God into the unknown

FUN, FAITH and FELLOWSHIP

A Christian holiday for all ages
The Hayes Conference Centre,
Swanwick, Derbyshire

Theme: Rev Dr Janet Tollington

Worship: Rev Neil Thorogood

Music: Rev Ray Adams

See Wendy Atkins for more information.

Argo-

fusing suspense and humour in a political thriller

On the 24th May comes our long awaited film – Argo. The film received widespread acclaim , and seven nominations at the 2013 Academy Awards – winning three., plus Best Picture at the Golden Globe awards.

The plot of this film is based on true events . Militants storm the United States embassy in Tehran on 4th November 1979- in retaliation for President Jimmy Carter giving the Shah asylum in the US , during the revolution in Iran. More than 50 of the embassy staff are taken as hostage, but 6 escape and hide in the home of the Canadian ambassador.

The film stars Ben Affleck as Mendez , with supporting roles by Bryan Cranston, Alan Arkin and John Goodman. In this historical drama thriller, Mendez leads the rescue of the six U.S. Diplomats.

The safety of the other hostages is paramount leading to a complete block on developments by both the United States and the Canadian government who became involved in the covert operation.

Argo is a film that will please all patrons who revel in a film that couples a tight plot, with tension , but also humour – even if it is dark at times !

The film starts at 7.30pm carries a 15 cert. and is not suitable for persons under 15 years of age.

Admission remains at a modest £ 3. 50

Refreshments will be served at an appropriate interval, including the sale of choc-ices

Fig trees may no longer bloom, or vineyards produce grapes; olive trees may be fruitless, and harvest time a failure; sheep pens may be empty, and cattle stalls vacant — but I will still celebrate because the LORD God saves me. - **Habakkuk 3:17-18**



Help Annette Get To Mexico

Annette Coster has been accepted on the International Girl Guiding Opportunity Programme and will be travelling to Mexico in July 2013.

She has to raise £2,000 for the project.

As part of this, we are organising a 3 course meal on Saturday 1st June in the Ansell Centre.

Arrive at 7:00p.m. to eat at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be £10 per person.

The menu will be a choice of pâté, melon or salmon mousse

Chicken or cheese and lentil loaf with roast potatoes and vegetables

Choice of pudding from the trolley.

Tea or coffee.

You can purchase soft drinks but if you wish to drink wine with your meal, please bring your own.

100 tickets available from Claire Coster.

Invite your friends and family and make an evening of it.

Music by Lioness, a local girl band, quiz on the table when you arrive and a raffle on the night.

Hadleigh and Monk's Eleigh URC Monthly Report. March 2013.

Summary.

The Buildings works is currently the strongest influence on our finances.

Total income over the period was £44,400 (£2,200 Last month), Expenditure was £34,800 (£20,800 last month) , giving a net deficit of £9,600.

Church Daily Running Account.

Income was £2,700 (£2,600 last month) .Expenditure was £6,800 (£4,700 last month), giving a deficit of £4,100 (£2,300 last month). Offerings stood at £1,800 (£2,000 last month). Lettings £700 (£290 Last month)). Heating and Lighting was £750. There were effective only three services in March as we joined with St Mary's on one Sunday. This is the probable reason why our offerings were down. Our Annual Insurance of £2,600 fell due during the period.

Charities taking the first three months of the year and predicting our income to the end of June, I estimate that our six-months payment will be approximately £1,100 , producing £270 per charity.

Monk's Eleigh . A grant in the amount of £1,500 towards the Retreat Centre was received from the Russell Quinton Trust. There are works currently being done at the Chapel , so the position here will be changing quite regularly as these are being undertaken.

Ansell Centre. Rental income was £1,100 (£360 last month). Expenditure, excepting the Cleaning Bill, remains subdued.

Buildings Fund.

Income was £39,000. This included grants from Babergh District Council, the Suffolk regeneration fund, the thrift shop and the Ansell Centre. We also received gifts in the amount of £1,200

towards the new chairs from members of the congregation, and some generous fund-raising. We paid £27,300 which was mostly in connection with the works in the Ansell Centre. We managed to avoid the cash-flow difficulties I mentioned last month.

The Church as a Charity.

We are now registered charity, No **1151084**.

Funds.

The funds are

✦ General Fund, to pay for Heating & Lighting, Maintenance of the Ministry, Worship costs etc. There is £642 in the General Fund. It should be noted that we are now contributing £200 per month more this year to the M&M than last. We shall recover the position over the next two months. But I shall have to be vigilant.

✦ Fabric Fund. This fund will pay for repairs and maintenance to our properties. The Fabric fund had a loss of £1,000. This was largely due to the Annual Insurance payment (See above). As with the General Fund, the position will improve over next two periods.

✦ Buildings Phase 3 (the Church changes), has £20,000. We received, as mentioned under Buildings above, and number of much-needed grants and gifts towards the staging and the Chairs.

✦ The ACC Fund had £29,300.

✦ The Student Placement Fund has £728

✦ The Sensory Garden Fund has £1,300

Monks Eleigh and Retreat Centre Fund has £2,700.

The buildings funds are changing weekly just now as funds arrive and bills are paid.

Summary of Church Finances	
To the 31st March 2013	

Lodged with Banks	
Savings Accounts	£17,717.08
Current Account	£35,847.09
	£53,564.17

Funds, Restrictions and Reservations			
Buildings Fund - Church Phase 3	£19,977.54	Buildings Fund plus Reservations	£49,289.63
Buildings - ACC	£29,312.09	General and Fabric Funds	-£457.46
Monk's Eleigh	£2,704.00	Monk's Eleigh	£2,704.00
Student Placement	£728.00	Temporary Funds	£2,028.00
Sensory Garden	£1,300.00		£53,564.17
Fabric Fund	-£1,100.00		
General Fund	£642.54	Available Grants to be drawn when required	
	£53,564.17	Babergh	5,000.00
Buildings Funds Details		Suffolk C	20,000.00
Church Phase 3A	£19,977.54	Biffaward	30,000.00
ACC Kitchen, Toilets and Porch	£84,312.09		55,000.00
	£104,289.63	Total Funds plus promised Grants	£104,289.63

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’

- Mark 10:23-25

ACC Development Project			
31 Dec 12 £46,000.00	Income	Expenditure	Balance
January	£12,000.00	£5,821.20	£52,178.80
February	£0.00	£15,717.98	£36,460.82
March	£20,170.00	£27,318.73	£29,312.09
Totals to date	£32,170.00	£48,857.91	£117,951.71
Church Phase 3			
'31 Dec 12 £16,000.00	Income	Expenditure	Balance
January	£175.00		£16,175.00
February	£190.00		£16,365.00
March	£3,993.54	£381.00	£19,977.54
Totals to date	£4,358.54	£381.00	£52,517.54

	ACC	Phase 3B
Estimated Cost/Outturn	£125,200.00	£65,000.00
Totals Paid to-date	£48,857.91	£381.00
Balance to Pay	£76,342.09	£64,619.00
Remaining Funds	£84,312.09	£19,977.54
Outturn Cash-flow	£7,970.00	

JOYCE ROLFE

Frank, Graham, Pam and Family would like to thank everyone that attended Joyce's Funeral. Special thanks go to Jim, Di, Joan and Liz who all contributed to an uplifting service.

To all who sent messages of condolence and comfort we would assure them that they were greatly appreciated.

Thanks to anyone who made a donation to 'Dementia UK', at present the total is unknown.

Joyce will be sadly missed.

Frank, Graham & Pam

Diary Dates

Wed 1 st	6-8pm	Eternal, Quiet Room
	7.30pm	Film Discussion Group, 7 High Street
	7.30pm	Churches Together Worship Group, Salvation Army
Thur 2 nd	9-11am	Toddler Group, Community Room
Fri 3 rd	12.15pm	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
	8.00pm	Folk & Acoustic Evening, Church
Sat 4 th	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Sun 5 th	7.00pm	Inspired, Church
Tues 7 th	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
	10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
	10.30am	Area Partnership, Stowupland
	7.30pm	Pastoral Care Group, 6 Raven Way
Wed 8 th	6-8pm	Eternal, Quiet Room
Thur 9 th	9-11am	Toddler Group, Community Room
Sat 11 th	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Mon 13 th	11.30am	Silent Prayer Group, Raydon Rectory
	6.00pm	Lisa Support Group. 6 Raven Way
	7.00pm	Silent Prayer, Church
	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting, Community Room
Tues 14 th	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
	10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
	7.30pm	Area Partnership Training, Stowmarket
Wed 15 th	12.15pm	Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
	6-8pm	Eternal, Quiet Room
Thur 16 th	9-11am	Toddler Group, Community Room
Fri 17 th	10-12	Leading Lives Coffee Morning, Community Room
Sat 18 th	all day	Hadleigh Show
	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room

Sun 19 th	7.00pm	Inspired, Church
Mon 20 th	11.30am	Silent Prayer Group, Raydon Rectory
	7.30pm	AtoZ of Bible, 6 Raven Way
Tues 21 st	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
	10.15am	Healing Prayer Service, Church
	8.00pm	Prayer & Praise, Monks Eleigh
Wed 22 nd	8.00pm	WDYT?, The George
Thur 23 rd	9-11am	Toddler Group, Community Room
	12 noon	Churches Together Study, Salvation Army
	2.00pm	Bible Study, Whatfield SA
Fri 24 th	7.30pm	Digital Cinema, Ansell Centre
Sat 25 th	2-4pm	Scrabble, Community Room
Tues 28 th	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
	10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
	12 noon	Lunch Study Group, 2 Queen's Row
Thur 30 th	12 noon	Churches Together Study, Salvation Army

I do not tire of telling everyone, especially young people who long for their people's liberation, that I admire their social and political sensitivity, but it saddens me when they waste it by going on ways that are false. Let us, too, all take notice that the great leader of our liberation is the Lord's Anointed One, who comes to announce good news to the poor, to give freedom to the captives, to give news of the missing, to give joy to so many homes in mourning, so that society may be renewed as in the sabbatical years of Israel. -Archbishop Oscar Romero

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