

# Hadleigh United Reformed Church with Monks Eleigh



## Monthly Newsletter **Apr 2017**

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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# 2017 Newsletter No. 749

## WORSHIP IN HADLEIGH

*Services led by Rev Bryn Rickards unless indicated*

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 Morning Worship led by the elders  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 10:45 Palm Sunday Joint Worship at St Mary's  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Reflective Communion Service  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Walk of Witness (Churches Together, from St Mary's for 10.45)  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 5:45am Sunrise Service (Constitution Hill)  
9:30am Church Family Breakfast  
10:30am Worship All Together with Communion and Blossoming of the Cross  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 Morning Worship  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Morning Worship

## WEEKDAY MEETINGS

Tuesday 10 - 11.30 Pause for Prayer - Come in for Coffee

## MONKS ELEIGH URC

- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 3pm TBA  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 3pm TBA

Please could you let me have all items for the May 17 Newsletter by **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**? Email to [editor@hadleighurc.org.uk](mailto:editor@hadleighurc.org.uk), post to 11 Jordayn Rise.  
Thanks, Phil



## From the Minister

Fluffy chicks and gooey chocolate—Easter in today’s supermarkets is a long way from the pain of a bloody cross and the panic of an empty tomb. Amidst all the happy colours and crates of confectionary, it’s easy to forget just how shocking it must have all been back then: the popular Rabbi from Nazareth handed over to the authorities by one of his core team; the powerful man who had calmed a storm and cast out a legion of demons refusing to assert his authority before his accusers; a man of compassion who had healed others now brutally whipped to death’s door; a good teacher sentenced as a dangerous criminal; the Son of God, dead; a guarded tomb, empty...

I hope we’ll all have the chance this month to meditate on some of those earth-shattering moments and let the shock of this death and resurrection shake us up again.

**Tension--Betrayal--Shock--Death--Shock--LIFE--Shock--Forgiveness--Peace**



Three of our services are particularly geared towards ‘physically’ entering into the emotions and significance of the relevant parts of the Easter story:

First, there’s our Maundy Thursday reflective communion. Last year we had a powerful time engaging all five senses as we read through one gospel account of the night Jesus was betrayed. This year we’ll be using the tradition of “tenebrae” (Latin for shadows/darkness)—as we progress through the story towards the death of Jesus, the room will increasingly darken. It’s a time to feel the darkness of what Jesus went through and what it cost him.

Second, we’ll be climbing up the hill behind Corks Lane for another sunrise service on Easter morning. We’re told in the gospels that the

women went to the tomb at sunrise and were told the good news. I'm not an avid early riser. But there's something very compelling about trekking through the dark of pre-dawn and then hearing the good news at the break of day. Not only do you get perspective across Hadleigh but you also get perspective on life. On Easter Sunday morning, the world wakes up a different place.

Third, we have our communion service on Easter Sunday morning with blossoming the cross. As we each come forward and fix our flowers on the cross, this stark, bare instrument of torture is gradually turned into a colourful symbol of new life. It gives us the chance to celebrate together the life and joy we have found in our risen saviour.

I don't know about you, but I'm really looking forward to Easter. Every Sunday is of course, in a sense, Easter Sunday—every Sunday is a remembrance and celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. But having special occasions like these gives us an opportunity to focus and allow the "shock" to change us, remake us and send us into the world as agents of change. Crates of gooey chocolate eggs don't change much (apart from waistlines) but a bloody cross and an empty tomb certainly are a revolution.

Happy Easter!

Bryn

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Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

- Exodus 23:9

Evil begins when you begin to treat people as things.

- Terry Pratchett

Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.

N.T. Wright

# Notices

## **New – and pre-loved (!) elders**

At the Annual Church Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, those members of Great Meeting who were present voted to elect Ann Swallow and Sammy Apraku Mensah as new elders to replace Pat Langley and Ronnie Howson, who had decided to stand down after many years of inspiring service.

Before the ballot, both Ann and Sammy had given moving personal testimonies about their own faith journeys and the reasons for putting themselves forward as elders. In addition, George Barnes and Karen Harman, having felt called to continue their service as elders, were re-elected for another four years.

On behalf of the whole fellowship, we would like to thank Pat and Ronnie for their years of service as elders and to welcome Ann and Sammy (and welcome back George and Karen) as elders.

## **Tell Your Story**

At one Sunday worship in March we considered Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus and need to be 'born again'. I hope that at some of our services in May and June we might have the chance to hear some of your stories of how you met and came to believe in Jesus and what kind of 'spiritual birth' you have had. If you would be happy to share a short account (5 minute max) of your own experience as an encouragement to others, then please speak to me. Bryn.

## **Exploring Further Forum**

At 7:30pm on Weds 3rd May in the Church we will be holding a special forum meeting as a next step in our process of discerning God's will for HURC in regard to registering for same-sex marriage. The content of this meeting will be shaped by what you have already shared through the info stand in church and will include some short snippets of input from different voices on the issue (quotes, AV clips). There will be 'stations' to stop and reflect at in the context of a 'small group'.

## **George Osborne spurns editor role**

Phil Wells has heroically been newsletter editor for many, many years and rightly feels now that it's time to hand this over for others to contribute. Thank you, Phil, for everything you have achieved in ensuring that our newsletter is so relevant, lively and diverse.

Therefore, Jonas Grist and Paul Simon are now joint editors, with Jonas majoring on design and layout and Paul on commissioning and writing content.

Based on the results of last year's survey into the newsletter, we aim to build on Phil's hard work and slowly add new regular features to enrich the reader experience.

There is one that we'd like to launch from May onwards - called Face to Faith involving six questions about an individual member of our fellowship's Christian beliefs and faith stories. We'd love to have as many contributors as possible, as we can all appreciate and learn from others' Jesus journey.

So please do volunteer!

## **EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB**

Junior Church will be running a two-morning holiday club during the Easter holidays (10am-12pm Mon 10, Tues 11 April). If you'd like to help or just be around to chat to parents/carers/kids, please contact Rachel (822265) or Michelle (827757) -- it would be great to make this an intergenerational experience.

## **CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE**

Please put 6:30pm Sunday 14th May in your diaries! We will be hosting a joint service with a focus on Christian Aid -- a speaker will be coming to tell us more about some of the work.

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As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother.

Julian of Norwich

## What do you think...?

Subject for Thursday 27th April 2017 (note change of day): Modern attitudes to marriage, and the possible legal and ethical ramifications which may arise. Meetings start at 8pm in the George, Hadleigh; as usual, all men welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Contact Philip Mann (01473 822658) for further details

## Christian Aid Week, 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May

If anyone would be willing to help me organise a soup lunch on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May I would love to hear from you.

Thanks, Jan

## Guild Report

On Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> we held a Members Afternoon called 'Favourite Poems' We heard a variety of poems ranging from comedy to childhood favourites and these all proved very enjoyable We ended the afternoon with tea and biscuits and thanks to all who took part.

Our friend Philip Mann was welcomed to the Guild on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> to lead our Guild devotional. Philip chose the theme of Prayer and asked us for our favourites. We considered several prayers for Morning, Evening and Graces and many of those chosen by Philip brought back happy memories. We also enjoyed singing some well known hymns, Many thanks to Philip yet again for such an interesting and thoughtful afternoon.

### April Programme

4<sup>th</sup> AGM + Bring & Buy for Charity + Tea & Biscuits

11<sup>th</sup> Holy Week Devotional led by Mary Boon.

Meetings at 2.30pm in the Community Room. All Welcome!

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But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority."

- Acts 5:29

# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

## **"THANK YOU"**

A BIG thank you to all those who gave up their Saturday morning to help at our fundraising event, to those who set up & manned stalls, to those who provided items, to those who came & those who gave money donations.

Your help was greatly appreciated & the children that Samaritan's Purse support in the Operation Christmas Child project benefit so much. They receive not only the wonderment & pleasure of the gifts, but also the knowledge that someone, somewhere cares. It is so rewarding to share our Christian love with those in need.

A magnificent £216 was raised & we all had the bonus of the social side of getting together. I enjoyed the sight & smells of all the delicious homemade cakes for sale & when I got home Nigel & I thoroughly enjoyed eating them.

Items for this year's campaign are already being purchased, so we are off to a productive start. Later on in the year we plan to give another opportunity for those who would like to help fill the shoe-boxes at our church.

Blessings from Doreen & Hilary

## **Eastern Synod's Big Day Out**

### **10th June Suffolk Showground, Trinity Park**

In 2017, the URC will be celebrating the theme of 'Feasts and Festivals' in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and 100 years since the ordination of Constance Coltman.

A fun day for all the family celebrating our history, our family and our future. The day will begin from 9.30am with a service of Worship and Celebration at 10.30. There will be workshops and activities for the whole family, each planned to make them accessible to all ages. The day will end with worship at 3.30. - Cost £6.00 per adult - Children go free (Under 16) - Includes a Picnic lunch and coffee/tea/juice and biscuits on arrival.

# Churches Together

## Website

This website is continually updated with the latest news and pictures of all the things going on with Churches Together in Hadleigh: so if you have not looked at it before, please go to [hadleighchurches.com](http://hadleighchurches.com) or search 'Churches Together in Hadleigh Suffolk' to get all the latest news, events and future dates. Why not put a link or bookmark in your browser? If you have items to add, questions or suggestions for the website you can use the 'contact' option.

*Brian Hempstead : Webmaster*

## Praying the Streets

On behalf of Churches Together in Hadleigh I would like to thank all those who have delivered cards to the houses in the roads of Hadleigh. These cards remind folk in the community when their road is receiving prayers from the churches. We have a team of twelve people, couples or families who have undertaken this ministry of outreach. Because of the number of volunteers your turn only comes around once a year. We have completed our first year of deliveries without a hitch. Thank you for doing that. I believe our next turn, for our first team, will not come around until July.

*Wendy*

## CTiH AGM

Everybody is welcome to this important meeting on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall.

*David Atkins*

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The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God's presence. Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.

Clarence W. Hall

## UPDATE:

# Same-Sex Marriage Discernment Process

(By Bryn)

Thanks, again, for continuing to share your questions, views and comments via the info stand in church. In April, we'll be moving it into the Ansell Centre for a couple of weeks during coffee time so that anyone who isn't managing to write something in church on Sunday can also have the chance to contribute.

It's interesting that most of the contributions have been views and comments rather than questions! I expect most of us do already have a view on this matter. But one of the important things about this period of discernment is that we are prepared to ask genuine questions and listen carefully to opinions that are different from our own. My hope would be that we're not out to try and persuade each other but to understand each other. And to do that we need to ask questions.

One way we'd like to facilitate more of that is by holding our first 'forum' called ***Exploring Further*** on **Weds 3 May 7:30pm in the Church**. The content of this meeting will be shaped by what you have already shared through the info stand and will include some short snippets of input from different voices on the issue (quotes, AV clips). There will be 'stations' to stop and reflect at in the context of a 'small group'.

As we come to that meeting, and as we discuss the issue amongst ourselves individually or in our monthly small groups, it's good to have a sense of how the church has handled ethical issues it has faced over years. The most common approach has been to weigh any ethical issue according to four 'sources'—the Bible, Church tradition, human reason and personal experience—and consider how the Christian 'norms' of love and justice apply to those.

So, some questions (!) that may help you explore the four 'sources' further...

BIBLE (God's gift of the Scriptures): What passages in the Bible speak directly to the topic? To avoid 'prooftexting', what are the textual, theological and cultural contexts of those passages? What passages are also relevant but more indirectly?

TRADITION (God's gift of the Church): How has the Church viewed this issue over the centuries? Have there been different or competing voices/views? Are there any precedents that affect how the issue should now be handled?

REASON (God's gift of the human mind): What does gathered human wisdom and reasoning say about this issue? How might insights from history, sociology or science shed light on the issue?

EXPERIENCE (God's gift of the individual): What do people's personal stories tell us? In what ways is this issue affecting people?

In the Bible, Acts 15 provides an interesting 'case study'. The Apostles need to discern whether Gentile converts should be required to follow the whole of Old Testament Law and thus be circumcised. As the council meets, they reason together using relevant Scriptures and the converts' experience to discern the Spirit's guidance on this matter.

Keep exploring!

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For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

- Hosea 6:6

The great writer Zora Neale Hurston said,  
Fear was the greatest emotion on the planet Earth  
and I said, No my dear sista  
Fear will make us move to save our lives  
To save our own skins  
But love  
Will make us save other people's skins and lives  
So love is primary at this particular point in time.

- Sonia Sanchez

# Elders Meeting

This was the agenda for the March Elders' Meeting. If you are interested in finding out more about any of the points, minutes can be found on the church website.:

1. DEVOTIONS
2. APOLOGIES
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. MATTERS ARISING
  - Greg F to introduce African Children's Choir Plans on April 2 (not March 19)
  - New options for website – meeting tba
5. PASTORAL: news/concerns
6. ADMINISTRATION
  - 6.1 Update on Nominations for Elders
  - 6.2 Update on AC Renovation Funding Applications
  - 6.3 Approval of Safeguarding Documents
  - 6.4 Feedback from Caretaking/Bookings meeting; Proposal for Caretaker
  - 6.5 Offertory Options for Decision at Church Meeting
7. GROWING FAITH
  - 7.1 Next Steps with Same-sex Marriage Discernment Process
8. SHARING FAITH
  - 8.1 Mothering Sunday Cafe Church (Mar 26)
  - 8.2 Easter Holiday Club (10 & 11 April, 10am-12pm)
9. WIDER CHURCH
  - 9.1 Update on Christ Church URC, Sudbury
  - 9.2 South Suffolk AP and Deployment of Ministers
10. AOB
  - Annual Town Meeting
  - Hadleigh Open Gardens (June 10)
  - Joint Services with Baptists

# Property Team

I want to share with you some of the tasks completed in the last few weeks.

Our Saturday morning workforce concentrated on a spring clean of the Ansell Centre kitchen, including defrosting and cleaning freezers and fridges, whilst others cleared weeds from the fire escape and tidied the area by the boiler room.

This work party meets on the first Saturday morning of each month at 10am for (up to) two hours. It would be great to see some new faces - as we do useful tasks helping to improve and maintain the facilities of the hall. Do think about coming along. It's not all strenuous work and the more hands the better. The next working party is on the 1st April (no joke!).

Separately the windows in the Ansell Centre have been cleaned - inside and out. Repair work to the oven has been completed - thanks Mervyn.

John Cunningham has done Trojan work in the gardens and planted hosts of plants. Thanks John.

Jan will shortly be looking at the flower beds in the quiet corner and two additional planter boxes are shortly to be bedded up by Leading Lives. Some of the undergrowth has been trimmed back and the fig tree in the school yard severely trimmed to control its growth and spread.

Inside the church buildings the curtains in the upper floor community room have been repaired. Work on the removal of the Minister's toilet has been completed and this area will be used for stores.

With the toilet cistern (which contained some asbestos) removed ' and the previous refurbishment of the Ansell Centre kitchen (asbestos underneath the sink unit and in the flooring tiles) this has encouraged us to review the asbestos 'register' which we are legally obliged to

maintain. Only a small quantity (in the church boiler room basement area) now remains and the asbestos register has been updated.

Some electrical work needs to be added to Bryn's room and the upper floor community room - but other projects have a priority on the available money, in the immediate future (but if anyone knows of a qualified electrician wishing to assist us please let us know).

The store cupboards in the downstairs community room have been revamped and decluttered, which has allowed for some of the stores in the church music corner to be relocated.

The newly donated bookshelf has also allowed this area to be tidied with a massive improvement in the visual attraction of this area.

But....the most encouraging news is that the various grant applications for refurbishment of the Ansell Centre ceiling, insulation and heating systems have now been completed. The obtaining and collation of the work quotes has been an enormous task and a great 'thank you' must be extended to Mervyn who has managed this project. Also thanks go to Jan and Nigel who have assisted in the obtaining of work quotes and grant applications. We're getting there!

Excellent - but we don't stand still. If we are able to complete these tasks 'in house' then we save money on labour costs which allows us to use this money for other things. It's sometimes hard work but - always - fulfilling in that we can see great steps forward in the way our church campus is looking.

Roger

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I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me I will rise again in the people of El Salvador.

Oscar Romero  
As Teresa of Avila says, "God does not give himself entirely to us, unless we give ourselves entirely to God."

Gustavo Gutierrez

# Ansell Centre

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7.30 **A STREET CAT NAMED BOB**

Based on the international best-selling book of the same name, this is the true feel good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat.



James Bowen is played by Luke Treadaway but Bob is played by himself. Originally, the London tom wasn't supposed appear in the film. The producers had ten specially trained doubles flown over from Canada, but they proved scary cats when it came to filming in London at night, so Bob

stepped in and is the star of the show.

Admission is £3.50 adult, and £2.50 accompanied child. Bridget Jones cannot be seen by under 15s. We will have our usual refreshments – teas, coffee, soft drinks, and our ever-popular choc ice

## **Fund Raising for New Curtains or Blinds**



You have probably noticed that the current curtains are looking decidedly the worse for wear. The Ansell Centre Charity (ACC) is raising



money to buy new curtains (or blinds). One idea is to collect enough 20p pieces to lay a line from the gate in Market Place to the gate in Duke Street and along the path to the Ansell Centre door. If any church group (or individual) would like to “sponsor” a paving stone, please let me know. A paving stone is worth £18 - £20 (90 – 100 20p pieces)! The date for laying out the line of coins has not yet been decided but it will probably be in early July.



Jan



# Finances

## Hadleigh and Monk's Eleigh URC Summary of the Monthly Finance February 2017 Report.

Registered Charity, No **1151084**.

The detailed report is given on our Web Site  
<http://www.hadleighurc.org.uk/Pages/Reports.htm>

There was a deficit of £613.98.

### Summary.

We received £2,192.84 offerings , paid £2,92400 to Ministry and Mission. The remainder of our costs were Council Tax, Community , Council Tax, ACC Cleaner .etc.). Ideally, our offerings , in order to cover Ministry and Mission alone, should be at around £3,0000.00 per month. Our total Outgoings were £6,520.74 against a total Income , including bank-interest of £0.00 ,of £ 5,906.76.

We were greatly assisted this period by the quarterly School House rent of £2,250.00. Our quarterly Heating and Lighting bills fell during the period at a cost of £1,935.07

The bright spot is our income from Ansell Centre rent.

Please do give me a call, or collar me for a chat if you would like any further details.

Ronnie, 9 March 2017 01473 310 169. 0774 025 8155

Nourishing spirituality means cultivating the inward space, the basis of which all things can be brought together. It means overwhelming deadness and stagnation and living reality in terms of values, inspiration, and symbols of higher meaning.

Leonardo Boff

## HADLEIGH - CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

ORGANISATION	TEL	ISSUE
AA National Line	01206 298724 0845 769755	Alcoholics Anonymous
Disability Bureau	231270	Local Support and Claims
Leading Lives	07860798362	Support for Learning disability
Wednesday Lunch Club	01473 823719	Lunches
Friday Lunch Club	01473 808835	Lunches
Samaritans National Line	01473 287727 08457 909090	Life support concerns
Sue Ryder	01787 314200	Hospice/Synergy Cafe
Hadleigh DAA	07979189081	Local dementia support
Alzheimer's Society	0300 222 1122	National Helpline
Benefit Enquiry Line	0800 882 200	Direct Gov UK
Age UK	0800 1696565	Support, advice
Frank National Line	0800 77 66 00	Info about drugs
Parentline	0808 800 2222	Parenting Issues
Domestic Violence	0808 2000 247	Women's Aid
Police Suffolk	101	Non -Emergency Number
Sensing Change	01473 260030	Support for independent living.
Hadleigh Health Centre	01473 822961	Health
NHS 111	111	Non emergency health issues
Child Helpline	0800 111	Support for children
NSPCC	0808 8005000	Child neglect
Waterfield House	01473 829103	Care Home
Friars Hall	01473 822159	Care Home
Magdalen House	01473 829411	Care Home
Canterbury House	0808 1634680	Care Home
Babergh District Council	01473 826622	Local issues
Disability Living All'nce	0845 7123456	Direct Gov UK benefits
Child Death Helpline	0800 282 986	Support
Gam Care	0845 6000 133	Gambling Issues
National Debt Helpline	0808 808 4000	Debt Issues
Missing People	0500700 700	Missing relative
Cruse Bereavement	0844 4779400	Bereaved People helpline
Elder Abuse Helpline	080 8808 8141	Abuse of older people

# Diary Dates Apr

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
1	Sat	10-12	Maintenance Morning, Church
4	Tue	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
		10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
		2.30	Guild AGM + Bring & Buy Community Room
		4.30	Silent Prayer Group, Salvation Army
		7.30	Lent Course, Salvation Army
6	Thurs	11-3	Synergy Café, Ansell Centre
		12.00	Lent Course, Salvation Army
		7.30	Vision 4 Life, 19 The Green
7	Fri	12.15pm	Ansell Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
10	Mon	10.15	Easter Holiday Club
		7.30	Elders Meeting
11	Tues	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
		10.15	Easter Holiday Club
		10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
		2.30	Guild Devotional
		4.30	Silent Prayer Group, Salvation Army
12	Weds	12.15pm	Wednesday Lunch Club, Ansell Centre
13	Thur	11-3	Synergy Café, Ansell Centre
		7.30	Reflective Communion Service
14	Fri	10.00	CTiH Walk of Witness
18	Tue	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
		10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
		4.30	Silent Prayer Group, Salvation Army
19	Wed	12pm	Lunchtime Bible Study Group 2 Queen's Row
		2.30	Any Questions, 9 Queen St

20	Thur	11-3	Synergy Café, Ansell Centre
21	Fri	7.30	Ansell Cinema, A Street Cat Named Bob
25	Tues	10-11.30	Come in for Coffee, Community Room
		10.15am	Prayer Service, Church
		4.30	Silent Prayer Group, Salvation Army
26	Weds	7.30	Worship Committee
27	Thurs	11-3	Synergy Café, Ansell Centre
		7.30	Junior Church Leaders (Manse)
		8pm	What do you think? The George

## **JOHN BELL COMES TO HADLEIGH**

Just once in a while a very special opportunity occurs right on your own doorstep. John Bell will be visiting Hadleigh on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April and leading 3 sessions in St Mary's and preaching at the 10.45am service on the Sunday morning. John is a minister in the Church of Scotland, a member of the Iona Community with an international reputation.

### **Saturday 10am – 1pm The Bible as the People's book**

This workshop looks at the Bible in an entirely different way, recognizing the Bible as a gift to the community which requires all to participate in sharing its stories, poems, insights and truth.

### **2pm – 4pm Why do God's people sing?**

Rarely do we explore reasons for singing, but when we do, the enjoyment of the congregational song increases. This is a session for everyone, not just for the "Musically gifted."

### **Sunday 2.30 – 4.30 Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs**

Songs shared here have been gathered or written by people in the Iona Community over the last 30 years and are now sung all over the world.

Tickets for each session will be £5. Applications can be made to Trish Pitt on 01473 828393 or [trish17@sky.com](mailto:trish17@sky.com) and David & Wendy Atkins on 01473 822535 or [atkins.d@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:atkins.d@hotmail.co.uk)

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at any time of day (or night in case of emergency),  
if you have any problem that the church may  
be able to help with.*

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