

# Hadlow Newsletter



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## Services at St Mary's, Hadlow

Sundays:

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist, crèche available

Wednesdays:

9.30am Holy Communion

**Family Service** – Sunday 8 December. This non-communion service at 11.45am is led by members of the congregation and will suit young families and children aged 3 to 15. Come and join in the fun.

**St Mary's Sunday Clubs** at 10am for children up to 11 years. Held in the Upper Room in term-time during the main Sunday service.

**Advent Service** – Sunday 1 December

6.30pm – Joint service at Tonbridge Methodist Church, Higham Lane.

**Volunteers needed to make Christingles** for the Children's Society Crib & Christingle Service on 24 December. If you can help please ring Kirsty on 850404.

## Golden Green Services

Held in Golden Green Hall

Sunday 22 December 4pm – Carol Service

Christmas Day, 25 Dec 9am – Holy Communion

**St Mary's Website** – [www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

Contributions to [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

## Christmas Services

**Sunday 22 December**

4.00pm – Golden Green **Carol Service**

6.30pm – **Nine Lessons and Carols Service**

**Christmas Eve** – Tuesday 24 December

4.30pm **Crib & Christingle Service**

6.30pm **Carols in the Square**

11.30pm **Midnight Communion** (carols from 11pm)

**Christmas Day** – Wednesday 25 December

9am **Holy Communion** in Golden Green

10am **Family Service with Communion** at St Mary's

**Sunday 29 December**

10am Parish Eucharist in St Mary's



## Christmas Market

**Saturday 7 December**

10am-1pm in St Mary's Church

Gifts, toys, crafts, cake stall, tombola,  
lucky dip and more.

Mulled wine & refreshments available.

**Vicar's Surgery in Church** – every Thursday 9.30-10.30am. Come along for a chat or to arrange a wedding, baptism or funeral.

Alternatively, if you would like a visit please telephone Revd Paul White on 01732 850238.

**ST PETER'S RC CHURCH** – Maidstone Road.

Mass every Sunday, 10.45am. Fr. Peter Murphy: 01732 353984 [www.corpuschristi-tonbridge.org.uk](http://www.corpuschristi-tonbridge.org.uk)

**Coffee Pots and Tiny Tots** welcomes parents and carers with babies and toddlers. Activities include craft, nursery rhymes, singing, music and play. Join in the fun on Wednesdays 10.30am until 12 noon in St Mary's Church. 50p per family includes drink and biscuit. We are open during school holidays, siblings welcome.

**The Mothers' Union** On Wednesday 4 December we will hold our Annual Carol Service at 1.45pm in church, all will be most welcome. We shall also be serving mince pies to get into the festive spirit.

**Friends Together** meets on Monday 9 December, 12.45 to 2.30pm in St Mary's Upper Room. Open to anyone who has been bereaved. Lunch is provided.

**St Mary's Market Stall** – Saturday 21 December, 10am-12 noon. Come and enjoy coffee, mince pies and a chat in St Mary's upper room.

**Link to Hope Shoe Boxes** St Mary's & friends, the school and college collected 182 boxes. Thank you all.

## Community News & Events

**Hadlow School Christmas Bazaar** Saturday 7 December, 11.30am - 1.30pm. Father Christmas will be there, plus lots of stalls for the kids.

**Hadlow Library** Thank you for your responses to the Hadlow Library leaflet. If you are interested in volunteering and haven't already given us your contact details please email them to [fohadlib@gmail.com](mailto:fohadlib@gmail.com) or leave them at the Parish Office or Greengrocers. We hope to have further information to pass on in January.

## Sure Start Children's Centres

### Messy Play

Let's get messy! A group for children aged 0-5 years with a variety of messy activities available throughout the session. Held every Monday from 9.30-11am at Hadlow Children's Centre (next to village hall), Marshall Gardens, Hadlow. Also Fridays: Jumping Beans (term-time only) 11.30-12.30. All sessions free of charge. Please contact 01732 359947 for more details.

## Library News

The **Reading Group** will meet on Tuesday 3 December at 11am in the library to discuss 'Instructions for a Heatwave' by Maggie O'Farrell. New members welcome.

**Delivery Service** Is there any housebound resident who would like library books delivered? If so, please contact the library on 851794.

A **Computer Buddy** is in the library on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon to give advice to those of any ability.

## Clubs, Societies & Social

**Hadlow Historical Society** The next meeting is on Tuesday 17 December, 8pm in St Mary's upper room, when society members will talk about 'Industry in Hadlow through the Ages'. Visitors and new members welcome. £8 annual subscription, £2 visitors. Enquiries to Anne Hughes 850214.

**HadLOW CARBON Community** There will be no meeting in December.

**Hadlow Village Cook Book** now available in Hadlow food shops.

**Hadlow Calendar** 2014 calendar for sale in local food shops and the Two Brewers.

**Festive Craft Workshops and Community Art** at Gingerbread Gallery and Teashop, The Square, Hadlow. Christmas Open Weekends – art and hand-made gifts – 30 Nov/1 Dec and 7/8 December; Sats 10am-5pm, Sundays 11am-4pm. Also open Thursdays, 9am-6pm. Festive craft workshops will run on the first three Thursdays in December (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>). Book through Stephanie 850240 or Jackie 07713 961746.

**Hadlow WI** On 21 January in the Old School Hall Malcolm Withnall, Senior Lecturer at Hadlow College will be giving a talk on Modern Vegetable Growing. We will be throwing our doors open to all – including men! Please book tickets (£3) from Gill on 01732 850571.

**Table Tennis** Wednesdays 7.30 till 9.30pm in the Village Hall, Williams Field. This is purely for fun, exercise and to meet other people. £3 or less per session, first evening free. Tea or coffee free of charge. Beginners very welcome. Although primarily for seniors, any ages are welcome.

**Hadlow Seniors Pop In Club** Why not join us on Thursdays in the Old School Hall between 10am and 12 noon. for a social morning. Come and meet new friends over a cup of tea or coffee and cake – and enjoy a quiz or game of Bingo. A warm welcome awaits you. Contact Pat Large 850516 for details.

**Footsteps Theatrical Workshop:** Come and join **RoRo the Elf** at our Christmas Fun Club. Send your children to us to be looked after and entertained whilst you have the day to yourself to organise your family Christmas or get the last minute shopping done without any little helpers. Monday 23 December from 10am to 4pm at Hadlow Old School Hall. The day will consist of art activities, fun & games, a special Christmas quiz plus our famous chocolate bingo. Applicants should be of school age at date of our Fun Club and the day is open to any child even if they do not attend Footsteps classes. For an application form please contact Alison on 850903 or email: [footstepsworkshop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:footstepsworkshop@hotmail.co.uk) visit our website on [www.footstepsworkshop.co.uk](http://www.footstepsworkshop.co.uk)

## Hadlow Parish Council

**Hadlow Parish Council meeting:** Monday 9 December, 7.30pm in the Old School Hall. Refreshments will be provided at 7pm before the meeting to enable residents to meet with Councillors.

**Bulky Refuse Lorry and WEEE Collection** will be at Hadlow Village Hall car park on Saturday 14 & 21 December, 9.30-10.30am and in Victoria Road (cul-de-sac), Golden Green on Sat 21 December 9.30-10.30.

**Vacancy for a parish councillor:** If you are interested in becoming a co-opted member of the parish council, please contact the parish office. This position has become vacant due to the resignation of Carol Hyams.

**Old School Hall Booking Vacancy:** A slot has become available for hire on Mondays between 9am and 1pm – interested parties should contact the Parish Office on 01732 851878.

**Old School Hall Car Park:** This is not the primary school's car park and should not be used as a drop off or pick up point. We encourage parents to participate in the school's proposed 'walking bus scheme'.

**Hadlow Christmas lights:** Support from local businesses, community groups and individual residents was tremendous last year, and the Parish Council sincerely hopes that support will continue. Collection boxes will be available in local shops, with lights being switched on during Sunday 1 December.

**Winter Plan:** The Parish Council is in the process of formulating its Winter Plan and those wishing to be involved are encouraged to attend the December Council Meeting where information and signing up will take place as part of the gathering ahead of the meeting.

We had an excellent response to the call for volunteers last winter, and would welcome them again – or any new volunteers. Duties will include footpath clearance of snow/ice. Health and safety guidance/training will be provided.

**Trees In The Village Competition 2013:** We have pleasure in informing residents that Hadlow was considered to be outstanding and has been awarded the Chairman's prize of £35 together with a tree of our choice to the value of £25. Our sincere thanks go to David Carey as the village's voluntary Tree Warden.

**Parish Office Opening Hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am–12 noon. Telephone: 01732 851878 [clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk). Website: [www.hadlowpc.co.uk](http://www.hadlowpc.co.uk)

**KCC Community Warden contact details:** John Lees, ( Hadlow/Golden Green) Tel 07969 584177, fax 01732 851794; [www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens](http://www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens)

## From the Parish Registers

**Funeral – We extend our sympathy to the family of:**  
14 November – Richard Caple

**January Newsletter Deadline:** Sunday 15 December. Items to the Vicarage please or email [janicemassy@btinternet.com](mailto:janicemassy@btinternet.com). For newsletter queries, please phone Janice Massy 851519.