

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 13 December at 11.45am.

An informal and fun non-communion service for families and children aged 3 to 15, led by members of the congregation.

St Mary's Sunday Clubs for children. Held in the Upper Room in term-time during the 10am main Sunday service: Start Up for 2½-7 year olds, 7 Up for 7-11 year olds and Ys Up for 11-14 year olds.

Golden Green Services

Sunday 20 December 4pm Carol Service

Vicar's Surgery in Church – most Thursdays 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 Mary's Website – www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk
Contributions to office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Christmas Services

Sunday 20 December

4.00pm – Golden Green Carol Service
6.30pm – Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in St Mary's

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24 December

4.30pm Crib & Christingle Service
6.30pm Carols in the Square
11.30pm Midnight Communion (carols from 11pm)

Christmas Day – Friday 25 December

10am Family Service with Communion in St Mary's

Sunday 27 December

10am Parish Eucharist in St Mary's



Christmas Tree Festival

St Mary's Church

Friday 4 December 11am-7pm

Saturday 5 December 10am-6pm

Sunday 6 December 12 noon-4.30pm

Tree-lit closing service at 4.30pm on the Sunday.

Get into the spirit of Christmas – come and see over 30 different Christmas Tree displays by Hadlow organisations, businesses and children's groups. Refreshments available, including mulled wine and mince pies. **Admission Free**

ST PETER'S RC CHURCH – Maidstone Road.
Mass every Sunday, 10.45am. Fr. Peter Murphy: 01732 353984 www.corpuschristi-tonbridge.org.uk

Events in St Mary's

Coffee Pots and Tiny Tots welcomes parents and carers with babies and toddlers. Every Wednesday 10.30am-12: craft, singing, music & play. 50p per family includes drink & biscuit.

The Mothers' Union Our Annual Carol Service takes place on Wed 2 December at 1.45pm led by Revd Paul White. Visitors & new members welcome.

Who Let the Dads Out? For dads with their under 6 year olds. Saturday 12 December, 10am-11.30 in St Mary's – hot drinks and a bacon roll for dads and lots of toys, craft and fun for the kids.

Friends Together meet on Monday 14 December, 12.45 to 2.30pm in St Mary's Upper Room. Open to anyone who has been bereaved. Come along for a chat and make friends. Lunch is provided.

St Mary's Market Stall – Saturday 19 December, 10am-12 noon in the Upper Room. Come along for coffee and mince pies.

Hadlow Village Hall

Hadlow Village Hall Committee continues to improve the facilities for all users but we are very concerned about recent vandalism to the building. Please can we urge anyone living near the Village Hall to call the police straightaway if they see or hear any damage being done? Our aim is to make the hall a really nice place to hold an event but we need your help to keep it safe. Thank you.

There will be two events in the Village Hall in the New Year:

Indoor Boot Fair Sunday 17 January, pitches £5 each and refreshments on sale. Please contact Caroline 851247 if you wish to book a pitch.

Dance/disco "Through the decades" in February/March, date to be confirmed.

EXTRA SINGERS are invited to join St Mary's Choir on various special occasions eg the Carol Service on 20 December, and the Fauré Requiem on 20 March 2016. Please phone Antony for further details on 01622 817842

Children's Society If you have not yet had your Children's Society box emptied, please bring it along to the Christingle Service, 4.30 on Christmas Eve.

Clubs, Societies & Social

Christmas Art Hub in Hadlow Sat 5 (10am-6pm) & Sun 6 Dec, (11am-5pm). 16 artists will be displaying their work for sale, ranging from glittering glass and jewellery to vibrant ceramics, photography and painting, at three open studios in Hadlow: Bourne Grange Oast East, Natal House & Gingerbread Gallery. Visitors to all 3 studios will be entered in raffle prize. Free entry: Info: 852054

HadLOW CARBON Community

Hadlow Calendar: Look out for the "Hidden Hadlow" Calendar on sale in local shops – Victoria's Hairdresser's, J&G Fruit and Veg, and 'Premier' Hadlow Grocers. Still at the original price of £5.50"

Christmas Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale for the Local Branch Conservatives on Tuesday 8 December at 10.30-12.00 at the home of Liz and Dave Holland, 28 Old Road, East Peckham, 01622 871329.

Hadlow WI It is our Christmas Party on Tuesday 15 December at 7.30 in the Old School Hall. We will be having a buffet, wine and entertainment so come and have a fun evening, all for just £5. Non members are very welcome for an additional £3

Hadlow Historical Society meets Tues 15 Dec (a week earlier than usual) at 8pm in St Mary's Upper Room when Roger Stanley will present 'A Lantern Slide Miscellany c. 1895-1902' New members and visitors welcome; annual subscription £10, visitors £2 per meeting. Inquiries to Anne Hughes850214.

Footsteps Theatrical Workshop: As well as our usual classes in dance, drama and singing, we also have, Mons: Firststeps pre-school dance with parents or carers 10:30am. Tues: Street Jam 4.45pm & Little Voices 5.30, 6-10 yrs. Thurs: Adult tap 7:45pm, Fri: Over 50's Dancercise 2.30pm. All classes at Old School Hall or Hadlow Primary School. More information from Alison at footstepsworkshop@hotmail.co.uk or 01732 850903. website: www.footstepsworkshop.co.uk

Table Tennis meets every Wednesday, 7-9pm at the Village Hall. £2 per session, first evening free. We are a friendly group; no experience necessary, so come along, make new friends and have fun.

Call to local artists! June 2016 might seem a long way away, but now is the time that South East Open Studios invites visual artists working in all artistic media to join them in inviting the public to visit their studios. **SEOS** runs for two weeks in June, and is open to all artists working in Kent and parts of East Sussex. Membership details and online applications available from, <http://www.seos-art.org/>. Deadline for applications is 31 January 2016, with an early-bird discount if you book by 20 December. For more information contact Hildegard Pax on 852054.

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal Hadlow Primary School collected 69 boxes, Hadlow College 48 and St Mary's Church 37. Thank you to all who sent Christmas shoe boxes. And a huge THANK YOU to Marilyn for organising the Hadlow Shoebox appeal for so many years.

Library News

Reading Group 1 meets on Tuesday 1 December at 11am in the library to discuss 'The Sunrise' by Victoria Hislop. **Reading Group 2** meets on Tuesday 15 December to discuss 'Mistletoe Bride' by Kate Mosse. New members for Group 2 welcome.

Have a go at using a computer or searching the internet with free help and advice from a **Computer Buddy** in the library on Thursdays, 10am – 12 noon. Free use of library computers. Drop into the library or phone 851794 to make an appointment.

Story Time for younger children and their carers is on Tuesdays from 9.30 – 10am.

The '**Knit & Natter**' group meets Thursdays from 2-3pm. New members welcome. Inquiries to the Library 851794.

Hadlow Parish Council

Hadlow Parish Council meeting: Monday 14 December, 7.30pm in the Old School Hall. Come along beforehand at 7pm for mulled wine and mince pies.

Bulky Refuse Lorry and WEEE Collection will be at Hadlow Village Hall car park on Saturdays 12 & 19 December, 9.30-10.30am and at Victoria Road, Golden Green Sat 19 December, 9.30-10.30am.

Christmas Lights will be turned on in the village square on Saturday 5 December at 4pm. Donation boxes will be in the village shops so please donate towards their running costs.

Parish Office Opening Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am–12 noon. To contact the Clerk at other times, please write, phone 01732 851878 or email clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk : www.hadlowpc.co.uk.

Parish Office Christmas Closure We will be closed from Wed 23 Dec, re-opening Tue 5 Jan. emergency contact number on parish office notice-board.

From the Parish Registers

Funerals – We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of:

30 October – Patricia Pate
20 November – Marjorie Green

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of the church: 1 November – Purdy and Lenny Vidler

Your Monthly Newsletter

Having been putting the newsletter together for more than 20 years, I would like to hand over to someone else, and intend to edit my last newsletter in March 2016. Would you be interested in continuing to help produce this important service for the parish – even if it is for just one year rather than a longer commitment? For more information about what is involved, please contact me, Janice Massy 851519.

January Newsletter Deadline: Sunday 13 Dec (one week earlier than usual). Items to the Vicarage please or email janicemassy@btinternet.com. For newsletter queries, phone Janice Massy 851519.