

# 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 9 March. 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. Start Up for 2½-7 year olds, 7 Up for 7-11 year olds and Ys Up for 11-14 year olds.

## Golden Green Service

No service in Golden Green this month

**Church open** We try to ensure the Church is open on weekday afternoons from 2-4pm.

**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.

## Forthcoming Services & Events

**Ash Wednesday Service** – 5 March, 8pm in St Mary's

**Lent Course** – Wednesdays at 8pm and Thursdays at 1pm in the Upper Room starting on 12 & 13 March. We'll be looking at the Beatitudes and reflecting on how they apply to our lives today. The course booklet is £5.99 – a donation to cover this cost would be appreciated but is not compulsory. Please indicate your interest by signing up at the back of church.

**Harp Recital** – Saturday 8 March at 8pm in St Mary's, with Carys Hughes. Tickets £8 to include refreshments available at the door or contact Richard Morley 850283 or Iris Shaw 851917.

**Concert with East Peckham Silver Band** – Friday 4 April at 8pm.

**St Mary's APCM** – The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St Mary's on Monday 7 April at 8pm.

## Date for your diary:

**Boot Fair** – Bank Holiday Monday 5 May – Jacksons' Field, Carpenters Lane.

**St Mary's Website** – [www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk)  
Contributions to [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

**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)

## Events in St Mary's

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

**The Mothers' Union** Our annual Communion Service will be on Wednesday 5 March, 1.45pm in Church. Visitors and new members will always receive a warm welcome.

**St Mary's Market Stall** – Saturday 15 March 10am-12 noon in the Upper Room. Come along for coffee and a chat and buy home-made cakes and produce. This month please come and meet the ladies who enjoy arranging the flowers for you each Sunday. Includes raffle for flower funds.

**Borough Councillors' Surgery** Your Borough Councillors, Jill Anderson and Janet Sergison, will hold a Surgery in the Choir Vestry, St Mary's Church on Saturday 15 March from 10 to 11.30am – the same day as St Mary's Market Stall. Do drop in to discuss anything that concerns you. If we can't help, we generally know someone who can!

**Friends Together** will meet on Monday 10 March, 12.45 to 2.30pm in St Mary's Upper Room. Open to anyone who has been bereaved. Lunch is provided.

## Hadlow Scout Group Annual Senior Citizens Lunch

The Senior Citizens Lunch will be held on Sunday 13 April at Hadlow College. Guest lists will be available at Hadlow Pharmacy from 1 March onwards so please do add your name to the list if you would like to attend and indicate whether you require transport. If you have any queries, please contact Sue Howard on 01732 851689.

## Clubs, Societies & Social

**HadLOW CARBON Community** will be holding its next meeting – which includes its AGM – on Tuesday 11 March, 7.30pm in the Two Brewers.

**Our second Seed Swap** of heritage and organic seeds is taking place at Tonbridge Farmers' Market on 9 March. Come along; if you haven't got any seeds to swap, you can still take away some seeds for a small donation of 50p per packet.

**The search is on for sustainable home improvements:** HadLOW CARBON Community is currently planning a Green Open Homes event in May 2014 and is asking people interested in showcasing their sustainable home improvements to the public to contact Hildegard on 01732 852054 or email: [hadlowcarbon@gmail.com](mailto:hadlowcarbon@gmail.com). More info also on our website: [www.hadlowcc.wordpress.com](http://www.hadlowcc.wordpress.com).

**Hadlow Flower Club** will meet on Tuesday 11 March in the Old School Hall at 7.30 for 8pm when Mandy Pulsford will give a floral demonstration entitled 'Once Upon a Time'. All are welcome, flower arrangers or not, to this friendly club. You might even win one of the beautiful arrangements. For more information please ring Shirley on 367173 or Mary on 851212.

**Hadlow Gardeners Society** meets on Monday 17 March when Sue Buckingham will talk about 'Wildflower Names, Folklore, Food and Fantasy'. We meet at 8pm in the Old School Hall. More details from Jenny Bubb: 365873.

**Hadlow WI** meets on 18 March at 7.30pm in the Old School Hall when our speaker will be the highly amusing Matthew Collins from BBC TV's the Travel Show. The meeting is open to all (including men) £3 for guests.

**Hadlow Historical Society** The next meeting is on Tuesday 25 March at 8pm in St Mary's upper room, when Martin Heard will talk about 'The Secrets of the Bayeux Tapestry'. Visitors and new members welcome. £8 annual subscription or £2 visitors. Enquiries to Anne Hughes on 850214.

**Evacuees:** We sometimes get enquiries from people who were evacuated to Hadlow during WWII, at the Boys Home at Hadlow Place, or Hadlow children evacuated to Wiltshire in 1944. Any memories or information of any of these would be appreciated. Anne Hughes, Spring House, Tonbridge Road, Hadlow, tel: 850214.

**It's SHOWTIME! Footsteps Theatrical Workshop** presents its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, 'Celebrations' on Saturday 22 March at 1.30 & 6.30pm & Sunday 23 March at 1.30pm. Come and see what we've been up to all year with our dancing, singing & acting in a real Variety Show at The Royal Victoria Hall Theatre, Southborough. Tickets £10.50 (concessions £6). To book please contact the Theatre Box Office, Tel: 01892 533739 on Sat 15 & Sun 16 March between 10am & 5pm or on the days of the performances. More details from Alison 850903 or email: [footstepsworkshop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:footstepsworkshop@hotmail.co.uk) & visit our web site at [www.footstepsworkshop.co.uk](http://www.footstepsworkshop.co.uk)

## Clubs, Societies & Social Cont'd

**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.

**Table Tennis** meets every Wednesday, 7-9pm in the Village Hall, Williams Field. This is purely for fun, exercise and to meet other people. Only £2 per session, first evening free. Tea or coffee free of charge. Beginners very welcome. Although primarily for seniors, any ages are welcome.

**Calling All Gardeners** Are you proud of your garden? The Heart of Kent Hospice is running an Open Garden Scheme and is offering keen gardeners a chance to show off their gardens in all their glory to neighbours, friends or the public. By charging a small entrance fee as a donation you can help to raise much needed funds for the Hospice. If you would like to accept this invitation please contact fundraising at the Hospice 01622 79019 for details.

**Foreign Currency** Children's Society and Link to Hope would like any foreign coins/notes or out of date coins/notes. Kirsty 850404 or Marilyn 850853. Thank you.

## Library News

The **Reading Group** meets on Tuesday 4 March at 11am in the library to discuss 'The God of Small Things' by Arundhati Roy. New members welcome.

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

The Library raised £90 at their recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to all for their support.

## Hadlow Parish Council

**Hadlow Parish Council meeting:** Monday 10 March, 7.30pm in the Old School Hall, Hadlow.

**Bulky Refuse Lorry and WEEE Collection** will be at Hadlow Village Hall car park on Saturdays 8 & 22 March, 9.30-10.30am and in Victoria Road (cul-de-sac), Golden Green Sat 15 March, 9.30-10.30.

**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](mailto:clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk) Website: [www.hadlowpc.co.uk](http://www.hadlowpc.co.uk)

## From the Parish Registers

**Funeral – we extend our sympathy to the family of:** 23 January – Alan Vidler

**April Newsletter Deadline:** Sunday 23 March. Items to the Vicarage please or email [janicemassy@btinternet.com](mailto:janicemassy@btinternet.com). For newsletter queries, please phone Janice Massy 851519.