

# 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 15 November, 11.45am (one week later than usual). An informal and fun non-communion service for families and children.

**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 Service

Sunday 22 November 12 noon Holy Communion

**Vicar's Surgery in Church** – most Thursdays

9.30-10.30am. Come along for a chat or to arrange a wedding or baptism. Alternatively, if you would like a visit please phone Revd Paul White 01732 850238.

## Special November Services & Events

**Remembrance Sunday – 8 November**

9.30am Said Parish Eucharist  
10.50am Act of Remembrance Service  
12 noon Remembrance at the War Memorial in Hadlow Cemetery

**Advent Service – Sunday 29 November**

6.30pm – joint service in St Mary's, Hadlow, with the congregation of Tonbridge Methodist Church.

## The Big St Mary's Christmas Market

Saturday 21 November  
9.30am–12 noon in Church



Come and buy your Christmas presents, cards, home-made cakes and produce. Crafts, Advent rings, books, gifts for children to buy, lucky dip and much more. Other stalls welcome (contact 851519). Bring your friends along to make it a big success.

**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 & Tiny Tots** welcomes parents and carers with babies and toddlers. Craft, music, and play. Join in the fun on Wednesdays 10.30am-12 in church. 50p per family includes drinks & biscuit.

**The Mothers' Union** Our next meeting is on Wed 4 November at 1.45pm in the Upper Room when Iris Shaw will be doing Christmas decorations.

**Who Let the Dads Out?** For dads with their under 6 year olds. Saturday 14 November. 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. Give mum some time off and come and meet other dads!

**Friends Together** meet Monday 9 November from 12.45 to 2.30pm in St Mary's Upper Room. Open to anyone who has been bereaved. Come along for a chat & make friends. Lunch is provided.

**St Mary's Market Stall** – The BIG one: Saturday 21 November (see above).

**Borough Councillors' Surgery** in St Mary's Choir Vestry on Saturday 21 Nov 10-11.30am, same day as St Mary's Christmas Market. Do drop in to discuss anything that concerns you with your borough councillors Jill Anderson and Janet Sergison.



## Christmas Tree Festival

St Mary's Church

Friday 4 December 11am-7pm

Saturday 5 December 10am-6pm

Sunday 6 December 12 noon-5pm

Get into the spirit of Christmas – come and see the many different Christmas Tree displays by Hadlow organisations and businesses. Refreshments, mulled wine & mince pies available.

If you would like to take part but have not yet filled in your form, there is still time – but please let us know by 10 November latest – we are filling up fast. Please contact 01732 851519 or email [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

## Library News

**Reading Group 1** meets on Tues 3 November at 11am in the library to discuss 'The Illuminations' by Andrew O'Hagan. **Reading Group 2** meets on Tues 17 November at 10am to discuss 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee. New members for Group 2 welcome.

A **Computer Buddy** is in the library on Thursdays to give free help and advice on using a computer or searching the internet, 10am - 12 noon.

**Story Time** for younger children and their carers takes place on Tuesdays from 9am-9.30am.

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

## Clubs, Societies & Social

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

**Popdance Event** – run by Springboard Dance Co. Come join the fun in Golden Green Hall on 30 October, 10am-12noon 5-7 yrs / 1.30-3.30pm 8-11 yrs. £3.50per child. Mob: 07915 361313 Email: [karenfleetcroft@googlemail.com](mailto:karenfleetcroft@googlemail.com)

**Hadlow Flower Club** meet on Tuesday 10 November in The Old School Hall at 7.30 for 8pm. Our demonstrator this month is the very popular Robin White who will be giving us some 'Christmas Sparkle'. All are welcome to our friendly Club, flower arrangers or not. For more information please ring Shirley 01732 367173 or Mary 851212.

**Hadlow Craft Club** will be meeting on Monday 16 November and Monday 14 December at 22 Maltings Close. Please bring along a project you are working on or join in with making Christmas decorations. Telephone Lorraine on 851156 for more details.

**Hadlow Gardeners Society** will meet on 16 November at 8pm in the Old School Hall, when Alex Rennie will talk about Hellebores. More details from Jenny on 01732 365873.

**Hadlow WI** Will meet on Tuesday 17 November at the Old School Hall at 7.30 to have a fun evening making Christmas Wreaths. Most of the equipment will be available to purchase on the evening just bring a few baubles or ribbon etc to finish it off. Visitors always welcome £3.00.

**Wine Tasting Evening** (with cheese and nibbles) Presented by Majestic Wine on behalf of the East Peckham & Golden Green Conservative Association Friday 20 November 7.30 for 8pm, £12 per ticket at Goldhill House, Hartlake Road, Golden Green TN11 0BL (courtesy of Chris & Debbie Salter) tickets / further information from Howard and Jane Rogers [gjanerogers@aol.com](mailto:gjanerogers@aol.com) / 01732 850329.

**Hadlow Orchestra** will be holding its popular yearly concert on Sunday 22 November in St Mary's Church at 3pm. Conductor Norman Austin, soloist Derek Wisdom (bass baritone). Admission Free! Interval cream teas, Retiring collection.

**Hadlow Historical Society** The next meeting is on Tuesday 24 November at 8pm in St Mary's Upper Room when Pat Mortlock will talk about 'A Country Christmas'. New members welcome. Annual subscription £10, visitors £2 per meeting. Inquiries to Anne Hughes on 850214.

**Hadlow Bowls Club** have come to the end of the playing season and the last remaining fixture is the AGM which will be held on Wednesday 25 November at 7pm in the Club House in School Lane.

**Hadlow Seniors Table Tennis** All seniors welcome. No experience necessary, just come along to have fun and keep fit. £2 per evening, first evening free.

## Sure Start Children's Centres Jumping Beans

An interactive session with action songs and a variety of colourful equipment including balls, hoops, tunnels, slides and parachutes. For confident crawlers to 5 years. Free of charge, no booking required. Tuesdays, term-time only 10-11am. Held at HY Arts Centre, Williams Field, TN11 0HQ

**Link To Hope** Shoe boxes to Church, vicar or to Marilyn Pierce by 5 November please.

## Hadlow Parish Council

**Hadlow Parish Council meeting:** Monday 9 November, 7:30pm at Hadlow Old School Hall

**Bulky Refuse Lorry** Hadlow Village Hall car park on Saturdays 14 & 28 November, 9.30-10.30am and at Victoria Road, Golden Green (cul-de-sac) Saturday 21 November, 9.30-10.30am.

**Hadlow Cemetery Extension update:** The extension has been planned due to the lack of burial space in the existing cemetery. It will provide an estimated 836 graves, enough for around 70 years. The Memorial Gardens will have space for around 396 ashes plots and there are other under-utilised spaces that could accommodate additional burial area. The total cost of creating the layout is estimated to be £95,000.00 with additional costs for other preparatory works. We anticipate that it will be completed over two phases, with phase one starting next year to cover drainage, road and paths in the north-west corner and a memorial garden for ashes. Plans are available for viewing at the parish office until the end of November.

**Parish Office Opening Hours:** Tues and Thurs 9.30am–12 noon. To contact the Clerk at other times, please write, phone 851878 or email: [clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk). Website: [www.hadlowpc.co.uk](http://www.hadlowpc.co.uk)

**Goodbye:** 'For a number of reasons our move turned out to be rather rushed and as a result we did not have the chance to say goodbye to as many people as we had hoped. We would like to thank everyone in Hadlow for their friendship and support and send you all our very best wishes.'

**Veronica and Mark Fraser**

## From the Parish Registers

**Wedding – We congratulate on their marriage:**  
26 September – Andrew Morris & Hannah Waters.

**Funerals – We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of:**  
24 September – Joyce Dunford  
12 October – Joan Goodwin

**Baptisms – We welcome into the family of the church:** 11 October – Isla Haggart  
18 October – Joseph Knight

**December Newsletter Deadline:** Sunday 22 November. Items to the Vicarage please or email [janicemassy@btinternet.com](mailto:janicemassy@btinternet.com). For newsletter queries, phone Janice Massy 851519.