

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 14 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

Held in Golden Green Hall

Sunday 21 December 4pm Carol Service
Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion

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 21 December

4.00pm – Golden Green Carol Service
6.30pm – Nine Lessons and Carols Service

Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24 December

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

Christmas Day – Thursday 25 December

9am Holy Communion in Golden Green
10am Family Service with Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 28 December

10am Parish Eucharist in St Mary's



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6 December
with a Dickens theme

4-6pm in Church Street and St Mary's Church

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

Mulled wine & refreshments available.

Father Christmas will arrive at 5pm, when the Hadlow Christmas lights will be switched on. -

Snow guaranteed!

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. Craft, singing, music & play. Every Wednesday 10.30am-12 in St Mary's Church. 50p per family includes drink & biscuit.

The Mothers' Union on Wednesday 3 December at 1.45pm we meet for our annual carol service in church. Visitors and new members welcome.

Friends Together meet on Monday 8 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 20 December, 10am-12 noon in the Upper Room. Come along for coffee and mince pies.

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

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

St Mary's, Hadlow School, Hadlow College and friends collected 169 shoe boxes to send to Eastern Europe. Follow your boxes on www.linktohope.co.uk. Thank you all for your support.

Clubs, Societies & Social

Christmas Open Artist Studios 16 local artists will be displaying their work ranging from glittering glass and jewellery to vibrant ceramics, photography and painting, at three Hadlow studios: Bourne Grange Oast East in Carpenters Lane, Natal House in the High Street and Gingerbread Gallery in Hadlow Square. Open 10am-6pm Saturday 6 Dec, & 11-5pm on Sunday 7 Dec. Free entry.

Have a Go at Crafts Club If you love to make things but never find the time, you might like to join a new craft club starting in January 2015. If interested please come along to a brain-storming evening, 7pm on Friday 28 Nov at 22 Maltings Close, Hadlow. If you cannot make the meeting but wish to join please telephone 01732 851156 or email vinsonlorraine@yahoo.co.uk so I can get an idea of numbers and find a suitable venue.

Clubs, Societies & Social Cont'd

Ultrafast Fibre Broadband A Q&A event is to be held in Hadlow Village Hall on 2 Dec 7.30-9.30pm and in Golden Green Village Hall on 3 Dec 7.30-9.30 when you can quiz Gigaclear about what ultrafast broadband could mean to your household. You can sign up to it by visiting www.gigaclear.com/signup

HadLOW CARBON Community meets on Tues 2 Dec, 7.30pm in the Two Brewers. Visitors welcome.

Hadlow Calendar Look out for calendars on sale in 3 village shops: Premier supermarket, J&G Fruit & Veg shop and Victoria's Hair Salon – or see us at the Christmas Fayre. £5.50 – same price as last year

Hadlow WI Ladies come and join us for our Christmas party, which will include wine, nibbles and a surprise event not to be missed at the Old School Hall at 8pm Tues 16 Dec. Visitors very welcome £3

Hadlow Historical Society meets Tues 16 Dec at 8pm in St Mary's Upper Room, 'Remembering World War One'. Roger Stanley will be bringing some of his display material; we would welcome contributions from members about their family connections. Visitors welcome; annual subscription £8, visitors £2. We will be having a second-hand book stall at the Christmas Fayre on 6 December and any donations of books would be welcome either to Anne Hughes, Spring House, or left in the church.

Christmas Environmental Art Workshop – at Hadlow College on Wed 17 December, 10am-1pm in Room HR06 (Floristry). Make a framed artwork as a Christmas present, using natural materials. Cost £10. For more information contact Howard Lee: H.Lee@hadlow.ac.uk or Julie Taylor on 850826.

Footsteps Theatrical Workshop: FREE Taster Trials for drama, dance, singing & musical theatre sessions. Ballet & tap for all ages. Adults: Over 50's Dancercise & tap. Classes at Hadlow Primary School & Old School Hall. Information from Alison 850903 or email: footstepsworkshop@hotmail.co.uk 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.

Library News

Reading Group 1 meets on Tuesday 2 December at 11am in the library to discuss 'Capital' by John Lanchester. **Reading Group 2** meets on Tuesday 16 December to discuss 'The Pillars of the Earth' by Ken Follett. 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.

Spanish Talk Time. Takes place on Thursdays at 4.15pm. Brush up on your Spanish or learn some basics for your holiday.

Storytime for pre-school children is on Tuesdays from 9 to 9.30am.

Aladdin

HADS presents its annual pantomime 'Aladdin' at Hadlow Village Hall on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th January. Performances at 8pm Fri, 3pm and 7.30pm Sat. Tickets available at Hadlow Pharmacy and East Peckham stores, £8 for adults and £5.50 for children (concessions on Friday night only). Come along and join Widow Twanky for fun and laughter for all the family!

Hadlow Parish Council

Hadlow Parish Council meeting: Monday 8 December, 7.30pm in the Old School Hall (mulled wine and mince pies at 7pm).

Bulky Refuse Lorry and WEEE Collection will be at Hadlow Village Hall car park on Saturdays 13 & 20 December, 9.30-10.30am and at Victoria Road, Golden Green Sat 20 December, 9.30-10.30am.

Hadlow Village Country Fair We are pleased that a Hadlow Country fair is in planning and will take place on 28 June 2015 at Hadlow Cricket Ground. It is hoped this will become an annual event celebrating Hadlow, its people and all that is great about our village. We hope that every club and organisation will take part in some way. A traditional day out for all the family - right on the doorstep. Mr Memagh from Hadlow Cricket Club will talk about the event at December's Parish Council Meeting.

Black Poplar – Junction Carpenters Lane & A26 The most recent update from KCC is that the tree will be pollarded at the end of November.

Christmas Lights will be turned on in the village square on Saturday 6 December at 5pm as part of the Christmas Fayre celebrations. Donation boxes will be in the village shops so please donate towards their running costs.

Emergency Plan The Parish Council is updating the parish Emergency Plan and we are seeking certain information from residents that will be added to the plan but will not be available to the public. Do you own a generator? Farmers: in an emergency would you volunteer to snow-plough roads? Do you own a chainsaw and have current user/training qualifications? Are you a first aider? Would you like to join the voluntary snow warden group? If you can assist in any of the above then please contact the parish clerk 01732 851878 or clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk

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 midday on Wed 24 Dec, re-opening Fri 2 Jan. emergency contact no. on parish office notice-board.

January Newsletter Deadline: Sunday 14 Dec (one week earlier than usual). Items to the Vicarage please or email janicemassy@btinternet.com. For newsletter queries, phone Janice Massy 851519.