

HADLOW NEWSLETTER

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Services held in St Mary's Church:

Holy Communion 9.30am Wed. 8am Sun. Parish Eucharist 10am Sun

To maintain social distancing in church, we regret that we have to limit the number of people who are able to attend services. Therefore to help us with numbers, and to ensure no one is disappointed on the day, we have a booking system via the ticketing website Eventbrite: links available on the church website home page. There are, however, a small number of spaces available on the day for people to simply turn up.

Sunday 10am services are also available via Zoom. To receive the Zoom link please email Rev'd Paul White. Weekday services are only available on Facebook.

Weekday services available on Facebook: search for St Mary's Hadlow

Mondays: 9.am Morning Prayer, 6pm Compline

Tuesdays 9.am Morning Prayer, 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesdays 6pm Compline

Thursdays: 9.am Morning Prayer, 5.30pm Evening Prayer

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2020

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December

11.30pm Midnight Communion (Carols from 11.00pm)

Christmas Day, 25th December,

10am Family Service with communion.

At the time of writing we are not sure what restrictions will apply to church services during December. Please check on the church website or Facebook page before travelling. Please also be aware that restrictions can change at short notice.

Sadly, there will be no Messy Church in December, but Messy Church Bags will be available from St Mary's Church and distributed via Hadlow Primary School.

The church is open on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm for private prayer and Food Bank.

If you would like a visit or to arrange a wedding or baptism, please telephone Rev'd Paul White on 01732 850238.

St Mary's Website – www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk **St Mary's Office Email:** office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Hadlow Advent Windows Trail

Twenty-four windows around Hadlow will be decorated throughout Advent with a Christmas theme.

Each day of December a different window will be unveiled until the final window is revealed on the 24th – just like an Advent calendar!

Follow the trail around Hadlow. The windows will be lit from 4pm until 9pm. Trail maps are available for download on noticeboards, various Hadlow Facebook sites and the following websites:

www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk www.hadlowpc.co.uk . or email hadlowadventwindows@gmail.com .

Copies will also be available in St Mary's Church, Hadlow Parish Council Office and some village shops.

Hospital Car Service:

If you need transport to a hospital or medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448

St Mary's Hadlow Foodbank.

Life is tough at the moment and, for some people, it could well get tougher in the coming weeks and months. If you find yourself in need of some extra food support for any reason then please remember that St Mary's runs an emergency food bank. If you need help then please come to the church on Weds between 10.30 and 12.30 (no appointment needed) or call Rev'd Paul on 01732 850238. If you have children in Hadlow Primary School then food help can also be obtained by contacting Sharon Vanns at the school. If you are able to support our food bank then all donations of food or money would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Rev'd Paul as above. Please don't hesitate to use us if you need us.

If you are struggling and need help please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office for information on where and how you can get assistance, including using the local food bank service, government grants, mental health agencies etc.

Clubs Societies and Social

Hadlow WI:

We met together virtually in 'bubbles' of 6, for our 10th birthday, enjoying the contents of our party bags which had been hand delivered to all our members before the big zoom party! We have been busy zooming with various craft activities, organising quizzes, scavenger hunts and bake-along sessions. For more info. visit our website <http://hadlowwi.co.uk> or find us on Facebook. New members welcome. Why not try the WI? If you become a member between October and December you can get 6 months subscription for £10.75, which will not be renewed until April 2021.

Hadlow Library:

Tonbridge Library is open for collection of books ordered online. www.kent.gov.uk/libs

Hadlow Historical Society: We regret that there will be no meetings held for the rest of this year. Enquiries or to Anne Hughes on hadlow12@mail.com or 01732 850214. We look forward to the time when we can meet again.

Hadlow Gardeners Society:

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas. We do not anticipate meeting up for a few months yet, not until we feel it is safe to do so. Jenny Bubb (secretary) 01732 365873 Email: jenny_bubb@hotmail.com

Christmas Light Walk:

Make Hadlow shine! Decorate your house with lights and add it to a walking map of the village provided by Sophie Brown.

If you would like to be on this map contact Sophie Brown by email at mat_soph@yahoo.co.uk for further information

Hadlow Parish Council

The next **Virtual Council Meeting** is on December 14th at 19.30 via zoom. Please register with the Parish Clerk to join.

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Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council notification to local businesses on financial support and grants available to local businesses during the second National Lockdown:

The Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) is a payment for businesses with a business rates account that have been ordered to close as part of the new restrictions, which covers the 28 day lockdown period.

The Additional Restrictions Grant (Discretionary) (ARGD) is for businesses and other local organisations that do not meet the criteria for the LRSG, either because they don't have a Business rates account or because they have not been ordered to close.

All the terms and conditions around eligibility and the amount available to businesses can be found on the Council's Coronavirus Business Support and Advice page: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/business/business-support-and-advice/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-businesses> Queries in regards to the For further information or queries contact: Local Restrictions Support Grant: inspectors@tmbc.gov.uk and for the Additional Restrictions Grant (discretionary): economic.regeneration@tmbc.gov.uk

Staying Safe in the Play Areas – please may we remind everyone to abide by the COVID-Secure guidelines posted at both Williams Field and Signpost Field Play Areas in addition to regular guidelines.

Parish Office Christmas Hours: The office will be closed as of Wed. 23rd December and re-opening on Tues. 5th January 2021. Emergency numbers will be on the Parish Office Noticeboard

Parish Office Opening Hours Tue. & Thurs. 9.30-12.00

Clerk: clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk or 851878 For all your community information.

Hadlow Parish Council official Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep you updated. Share photos, news

Hadlow Scouts:

During the months of lockdown and early summer, Hadlow Scout Troop and Cub Pack continued to meet online using Zoom, enjoying activities including quizzes and games, cooking and scavenger hunts. The young people took part in Camp at Home, sleeping in their own gardens and joining together online to complete various outdoor and creative challenges to earn a special badge. After a lot of careful planning, and the go-ahead from the Scout Association and National Youth Agency, we have now restarted outdoor face-to-face meetings for Scouts and Cubs. So far we have been on night hikes, carved pumpkins, caught up with friends, played games and had fun. There is plenty more planned for the remainder of the term, including visits to the woods, navigation, fire-lighting, Remembrance and more games; all dependent on the ever changing Covid situation.'

Beaver Scouts aim to resume face-to-face meetings in the New Year, and will be joining together online over the next few weeks. If you have a child aged 6-14 that it interested in joining Hadlow Scout Group, please contact us at 6th@tonbridge-scouts.org.uk and we will be in touch.

Deadline for January Newsletter: Friday December 11th. Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com

Folding: Volunteers needed to fold newsletters in their own home. Anne Hughes will collate them for delivery.