

HADLOW NEWSLETTER

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Services in Church:

Sundays:

10.00am – Parish Eucharist – also audio streamed via Zoom: for link please email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Wednesdays: 9.30 am Holy Communion **Morning Prayer.** Monday to Thursday at 9am.

Compline Every Thurs. at 7.30pm. A short quiet service to end the day.

Advent Sunday – 3rd December 9am Said Eucharist with lighting the Advent Wreath

10am – Teddy Bear Blessing and Toy Service. Bring your beloved Teddy for a blessing (to take back home), and bring a new toy to donate to the Christmas Present Appeal to spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would not otherwise receive a gift. Refreshments afterwards.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Messy Christmas – Wednesday 20th December 10.30am - 1pm.

Lots of fun and craft activities, for children to enjoy learning about the true meaning of Christmas, followed by a simple meal together. Parents are invited to join us in a short act of worship at the end.



Sunday 17th December

4.00pm – Golden Green Carols in Golden Green Hall

6.30pm – Carol Service in St Mary's

Christmas Eve – 24th December

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Carols in the Square

11.30pm Midnight Mass (carols from 11pm)

Christmas Day – 25th December 10am Family Communion Service in St Mary's

St Mary's church is open every day between 10am and 3pm

If you would like to arrange a wedding or baptism or if you would just like a chat, please contact Fr. Jim Horton: 01732 850238, email: vicar@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

St Mary's Website – www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk

St Mary's Office Email: office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003 –Section 17 An application has been made by St Mary's Church Hadlow Parochial Church Council for the premises: **St Marys Church, Church Street, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0DB** on the date of: 13 November 2023

Summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening: Sales of Alcohol – Every day 10:00 – 23:00

Authority of Sale of alcohol would be in place to support social events such as Quiz Nights, concerts etc. Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 876368. Any person wishing to make representation about the application should make them in writing on or before the **11 December 2023** to Licensing Services, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Kill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ licensing.services@tmbs.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application.



Fr Jim's Big Christmas Quiz

Tues. 12th Dec. starting at 7.30pm. Come along and get into the Christmas spirit at our next monthly quiz. Only £3 per person, Bar available, free nibbles. Teams of six, so come as a group or join in with others on the evening.

Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots Every Wed. 10.30am including school holidays. All parents and carers with babies and toddlers are welcome. Join in the fun: craft, nursery rhymes, singing, music & play. £1 per family includes coffee & biscuit for carers. Please bring drinks for the children in their own cups.

Seniors' Coffee Mornings, The first and third Fridays in the month, 10.30am to 12.30pm in church. All welcome.

Seniors' Tea at 3 No Tea at 3 in December,

Café Plus Every 2nd and 4th Wed. in St Mary's Church, 1-3pm for crafts (knitting, crochet & sewing), good company and a cuppa.

Winter Treats Lunch hosted by Café Plus/Knit & Natter/ Senior Coffee **Tuesday 12th Dec.** 1.30-3.30 pm OSH

Food Bank: open EVERY WEEK on Thursdays from 10am to 11am. if you are unable to attend in person, you can email foodbank@stmaryshadlow.org.uk . **Please remember to bring back your bags.**

Hospital Car Service: For transport to a hospital or medical appointment, contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.

Clubs Societies and Social

Hadlow Historical Society: There will not be a meeting in December due to proximity to Christmas. In January we shall welcome Geoff Collins, who will talk about the outstanding contribution of the Women of the Air Transport Auxiliary during WW2. Contact: Patricia Richardson 07876 102572 or patriciarichardson567@btinternet.com.

Hadlow Seniors Pop-in Club: We meet on Thursdays from 10-12 in OSH. Activities and refreshments available. We are a friendly group and new members are always welcome. Our last session will be on Dec 21st. We will meet again on Jan 4th.

Hadlow Gardeners: are holding their Christmas Party on Monday 18th December at 7:30pm in the Old School Hall. Contact Jenny on jenny_bubb@hotmail.com or 01732 365873.

Hadlow Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th December at 7.30pm in the OSH.

Hadlow Community Breakfast: Sunday Dec.10th. £4 per head. Contact the Parish Clerk to book a place.

Hadlow Seniors Christmas Lunch: Sun. 17 Dec. 1pm. Cost £12 includes light entertainment, Two Course Meal, drink on arrival and all the trimmings. To book contact 01732 851878 or admin@hadlowpc.co.uk

Christmas Lights - please donate towards the costs of the lights at the Parish Office, OSH between 9.30am and Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays or post through our secure letterbox at Parish Office (red door).

24/25 Budget: The Parish Council are currently reviewing the budget in preparation for the Precept which will be announced in January.

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 and stories at: [Twitter@HadlowParish](https://twitter.com/HadlowParish), [Facebook@HadlowParishCouncil](https://facebook.com/HadlowParishCouncil), Website www.hadlowpc.co.uk

Hadlow Village Hall: Fully Equipped Stage- Projector and Screen- Air Conditioned - Main Hall- Meeting Hall- Fully Equipped and Functional Kitchen- Bar Area (Licensed for alcohol)- Tables and chairs
Regular clubs such as table tennis, Judo, Craft club, fit club and more! We have spaces available for children's birthday parties or any other social events Contact us 07399938059 info@hadlowvillagehall.org

Hadlow Village Hall is hosting a Lego exhibition being held by Space 2 be me, a charity that supports children and young adults with SEN. The event will be held on **Sunday 3rd December** from 12 until 4pm. Tickets cost £5 including tea/coffee or squash. Tickets from Space2beme.org.uk or Allison Noterman on 01732 241393
Please note the Village Hall is next to Williams Field, Marshall Gardens.

FREESTYLE FITNESS YOGA every Thurs. at the OSH 1.30-2.30pm £8. Please bring a mat, all abilities welcome. For more info. contact Jayne Nutley 07941930771 email nutley.jayne@yahoo.co.uk

Pilates: Suitable for all abilities. Improves flexibility and strength, particularly of your 'core' abdominal muscles, lower back and hips. Wednesdays in the Old School Hall, 9.30-10.30am. Contact Sally: sallyspilates@gmail.com

Hadlow Table Tennis Friendly group of over-fifties that meet for non-league games every Wed. 6.45pm-8.15pm at the Village Hall. Social occasion, £4, first evening is free. Info: Carol Hyams 07727 024433

Walking Netball: Walking Netball Group welcomes all ladies over the age of 35years. It doesn't matter if you have no previous experience. We are currently meeting on the outdoor court at Hadlow Rural Community School; school drive is on the left near the stables, Sat. mornings between 10.30-11.30am. The cost is £4 a session. For more info. please contact Shirley on 07746476071 or email shirleyellishost@yahoo.com or just turn up

Hadlow College Christmas Fair – Wednesday 13th December

On campus inside the greenhouse. Plant sales, Craft Stalls, Wreaths etc.

Also every Wed. 1-4pm (term time only) in glasshouse. Plants grown by students from £1. Card payments only.

Deadline for the Jan. Newsletter: Fri. Dec. 15th. Folding in the church 10am Thurs. Dec. 21st

Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com. **Merry Christmas to all from the Editor, Lesley Bright.**

