



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. Tuesday to Thursday at 9am

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Blue Christmas – Sunday 1st December at 3pm A service that acknowledges the pain and loss that many feel during the Christmas season. A space for quiet reflection, comfort and hope for those who struggle to find joy amidst personal challenges. Tea and cakes afterwards.

Carol Service – Sunday 15th December at 6.00pm. Vote for your favourite Christmas Carol – see below

Golden Green Carols in Golden Green Hall – **Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm**

Messy Christmas – Monday 23rd 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 and a short act of worship. All welcome, but no unaccompanied children, please.



Christmas Eve – 24th December Nativity Service at 1pm Carols in the Square at 6.30pm

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm (carols in church 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

Vote for your favourite Christmas Carol; the most popular carols will be included in our Carol Service on Sun. 15th Dec. Let us know by emailing us at office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk or by texting or phoning 07570 941809.

Fr. Jim's Christmas Quiz: Tuesday 17th December (one week later than usual)

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.

Carols in the Pub – Rose Revived on Sunday 8th Dec at 2pm. Come and sing your favourite Christmas carols.

A Christmas Carol, The Creation of a Masterpiece

Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. Presented by Theatrical Moves. The true story of how Charles Dickens came to write his festive favourite. Tickets £10, under 16s £5 from www.theatricalmoves.co.uk

Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots Every Wed. 10.30am. All parents and carers with babies and toddlers are welcome. Craft, nursery rhymes, singing, music & play. £1 per family includes coffee for carers..

Coffee Mornings for seniors: Fridays 6th and 20th December – and the first and third Fridays of every month. 10.30am to 12pm in St Mary's Church. **No Tea at 3** in December.

Café Plus: Winter lunch for Seniors on Mon. 2nd Dec. at 12.30 in the Old School Hall (Cafe Plus, Knit & Natter and Senior Coffee welcome + friends). Donations welcome. Next meeting on 11th Dec and then 8th Jan. New members welcome.

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

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.**

Clubs Societies and Social

Hadlow Historical Society: No talk in December. The next talk is on Tues, 28th Jan. 7.30 pm in the Church. Anne Hughes and I will open the Society's archives and bring them alive, their history and current collection. We have launched a Facebook Group to encourage an interest in Hadlow's History by sharing stories, pictures and family history. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1256790542145558> - I will put this in the Hadlow Residents Group as well - do check it out, and join. Contact Patricia Richardson, hadlowhistory@gmail.com - 07876 102572.

Hadlow Seniors Pop-in Club: Thurs in the OSH from 10-12. Last session of 2024 will be on Dec 19th with a Christmas dinner for members only. We will meet again on Jan. 9th 2025. For info- Pat Large 850516 or Jenny Hopkins 852836

Hadlow Gardeners Christmas Party on **Monday 16th December** at 7:30 pm in the Old School Hall. We are looking forward to drinks, nibbles and entertainment - including a performance from Ceiron Faux (Not King Cole).

Hadlow Community Allotment: grow fruit and vegetables on land at Hadlow Primary School. Every Sat. 10am - 1pm. It's open to everyone. To visit, contact Steve on wbrainstem@aol.com or Siobhan on 07855 600336.

Hadlow Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the OSH.

Hadlow Parish Xmas Lunch: For over 65s is on 15th December. Drinks at 12.30m, meal and entertainment at 1pm. Please book at the Parish Office. The next Community Breakfast is Sunday 19th January 2025.

Christmas Lights - the new lights are to be installed towards the end of November and the tree will once again be in the Village Square.

Council Office Hours over Christmas period: Closed from Noon on Tues 24th Dec. and re-opening morning of Thurs 2nd January 2025

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 Community

Would you like to show and sell your art and craft work? **SouthEast Open Studios** takes place across Kent & East Sussex every June. Hadlow is always a very popular venue with 14 artists taking part here in June 2024. Registration opens on 1st December. Visit www.seos-art.org to find out more or contact Ray Taylor 07973 123323.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's RBL Poppy Appeal. Special thanks to our dedicated house-to-house collectors; Stephen and Ed who manned stalls at the Esso garage and Poulton Wood respectively; and Michelle who dresses the pharmacy window in poppy regalia so beautifully every year. There are still a few donations to come in, so we'll give you the grand total next month.

Hadlow Village Hall - a great local venue for hosting all types of parties, club activities, large events, indoor sports, business meetings etc. **We now have Thursday evenings free following the choir moving to Tonbridge.** We boast a large air-conditioned hall, wi-fi and a fixed projector with screen and speakers. There is also a small meeting room and kitchen and bar area. For more information please ring HVH on 07399 938059 or email info@hadlowvillagehall.org

Ladies badminton group. We play on Thurs. 1.30 - 3.30 in the village hall, Williams Field. We are non-competitive. If you've played before, maybe a long time ago, and fancy a game, email Jean on isted.hadlow@hotmail.com or just come along.

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

Hadlow Walking Netball Group ladies over the age of 35 years with no previous We meet on a Sat. 10.30-11.30 at Hadlow Rural Community School TN11 0AU. **Dec. 14th** will be our last session this year, but we will be back in Jan. Cost is £4 a session. For more info please contact Shirley on 07746476071 or email shirleyellishost@yahoo.com

Friends Together Bereavement Support 2nd Monday of the month from 11am - 12.30pm at the Old School Hall. Anyone who has had a significant bereavement is welcome to join us. Call 07774 891314 for further information

From the Parish Registers

Baptism: we welcome into the family of the church: **17th November – Niamh Elizabeth Johnson.**

Funeral: we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of: **5th November - Margeret Anne Reilly.**

Deadline for the January Newsletter: Fri. Dec 13th. Folding in the church 10am Thurs. Dec 19th
Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com.