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Services in Church:

Sundays:

10.00am - Parish Eucharist

Mothering Sunday Service – 30th March at 10am: All-age worship.

Said Communion at 9am.

Sunday services audio streamed via Zoom: for link please email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Wednesdays: 9.30 am Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday – 5th March. 9.30am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes.

Morning Prayer. Tuesday to Thursday at 9am

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 OfficeEmail:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

March Quiz - Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm.

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. All parents and carers with babies and toddlers are welcome. Craft, nursery rhymes, singing, music & play. £1 per family includes coffee for carers. Please bring drinks for the children in their own cups.

Coffee Mornings for seniors: Next coffee morning will be on Fridays 7th and 21st March – and then on the first and third Fridays of every month. 10.30am to 12pm in church.

Seniors Tea at 3: No Tea at 3 for the time being due to conflict with Community Breakfast **Café Plus:** Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in St Mary's Church, 1-3pm for crafts (knitting, crochet & sewing), good company and a cuppa.

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

Hadlow Carers Together: We will be meeting twice a month: one hour on every 2nd Monday 1.30-2.30pm and one hour every 4th Friday 10.30-11.30am.

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 bag

Clubs Societies and Social

Hadlow Historical Society: Our speaker at our Talk on Tuesday, 25th March, 7.30 pm at St. Mary's Church, will be Pam Mills, returning to tell us about **"The Retrial of 1902".** As a retired policewoman, Pam now concentrates on researching past crimes and policing in Kent. We shall be asked to respond to the facts of a prosecution following the death of Frances O'Rourke of Tonbridge. With extra material discovered, we shall then act as the Jury in deciding whether Harold Apted was guilty or innocent of her murder. As usual, visitors are welcome (£3). Contact: Patricia Richardson (07876 102572 or hadlowhistory@gmail.com)

Hadlow Seniors Pop-in Club: We meet on Thursdays 10-12 at OSH. Refreshments and activities available. New members always welcome- for info contact Jenny Hopkins 852386 or Pat Large 850516

Hadlow Gardeners: Monday 17th March at **7:30 pm** in the Old School Hall for a talk on "The English Love Affair with Iris". Visitors welcome

We are holding our **Spring Show** on **Saturday 22nd March** in the Village Hall. Display of flowers and vegetables, soup, teas & home-made cake from 12:15 pm. Visitors welcome.

Hadlow WI: Wiggle and Giggle with Karen. Let's boogie down and have a laugh but be assured Karen will tailor the class so that all abilities are catered for. New members and visitors are welcome to join us at the Old School Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 24 March 2025. Please email Hadlow@wkfwi.org.uk for further information.

New Year – New Activity? Why not give bell ringing a go? We practice on Wednesdays from 7:30pm. Contact HadlowRinging@gmail.com or 07973 123323 to find out more!

Hadlow Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.00pm in the OSH. This is for the community. Come along and put forward your group. Agenda items to the parish clerk by 19th Feb. Council meeting follows at 7.30pm.

Next Community Breakfast Sunday 16th March

Wanted! Your community needs you! Vacancies for Coopted Parish Councillors. An interest in local matters, maintenance of parish halls, fields, and cemetery, running the community buses. A wide and varied occupation that only takes a few hours of your time. Contact the Parish Clerk for info.

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, Facebook@HadlowParishCouncil, Website www.hadlowpc.co.uk

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 welcomes all ladies over the age of 35 years. It doesn't matter if you have no previous experience or have played before, all are welcome. During the month of March we will be meeting indoors at Hadlow Village Hall, Williams Field, Sat am between 10.30-11.30am. The cost is £4 a session. For more info contact Shirley on 07746476071 or email shirleyellishost@yahoo.com

Celebrating 25 years as a vibrant part of the Tonbridge community **Tonbridge U3A** Meet some of our members. Come along to our Coffee Mornings on the 3rd Friday of the month at **Christchurch** from 10:30 am Not working full time – TU3A may have something for you. Find out about us at www.tonbridgeu3a.u

From the Parish Registers

Baptism: We welcome into the family of the church:

26th January- Eleanor Grace Lewis

Funerals: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

6th February- Pauline Jennifer Relf 11th February- Antonia Osholake

Deadline for the April Newsletter: Fri. March 21st 2025 Folding in the church 10am Thurs. March 27th Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com.