

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

MESSY CHURCH – Wednesday 27th August from 10.30am to 12.30pm. All-age fun, craft activities, informal worship and food. FREE. All welcome, but no unaccompanied children, please

Patronal Festival – Sun 10th Aug. We will be marking the feast day of St Mary, our Patron saint, at our 10am service. Afterwards, we will be celebrating with a Barbeque in the Churchyard. All welcome.

Date for your diary: **Backpack Blessing Service** Sun. 31st Aug. at 10am. All children, teachers and educators are encouraged to bring their backpack/school bag for a blessing at the start of the school year. Followed by refreshments.



Holiday at Home Two days of friendship, chat, activities and meals for seniors. Fri. 1st and Sat. 3rd Aug. 10.30 - 3.30pm. Booking essential. For more info. and to book, please contact Jenny Hopkins 01732 852386

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

Fr. Jim's July and August Quizzes

Tuesday 9th July and **Tuesday 13th August** Starts at 7.30pm in Church. Only £3 per person. Jackpot bigger than ever! Licensed bar, free nibbles. Teams of six, so come as a group or join in with others on the evening.
Quiz Evenings in Church will be paused during the summer.

Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots: Every Wed. 10.30am. in church 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: Fri 4th & 18th July – and on the first and third Fridays in the month, 10.30am to 12pm in church. No coffee mornings in August due to Holiday at Home.

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.

Mouse Hunt and Cream Tea – Sat. 12th July: Hadlow will be overrun by mice!! Help us find these pesky creatures – mouse prizes to be won; come along to church between 1pm and 4.30pm for the start of the hunt and enjoy a strawberry cream tea. Or you can just come along for the delicious cream tea! Pimms available.

IT'S BACK! HADLOW SCARECROW TRAIL! Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September. This year's theme is Television Legends (real or fictional) From Del Boy to Peppa Pig there are so many legends to choose from. £5 entry fee and prizes to be won for best entries chosen by the public. Please contact Kirsty on hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com if you would like more details and to take part.

Hadlow Carers Together meet every month on the second Monday 1.30-2.30, and fourth Friday 10.30-11.30, unless advertised otherwise.

Friends Together Bereavement Support :Second Monday of the month from 11am - 12.30pm at the OSH. Anyone who has had a significant bereavement is welcome to join us. Call 07774 891314 for info.

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: We had an interesting day at Lenham and Charing in June, driven in the Hadlow Community Bus - thank you, Alec. We shall be at the celebrations for 1050 years of written records for St. Mary's Church in August, playing our part. Follow us on our Facebook group and do join us at our first talk on Tues, 23rd Sept. Become a member only £15. Patricia Richardson hadlowhistory@gmail.com or 07876 102572.

Hadlow Seniors Pop-in Club: We meet on Thursdays 10-12 at OSH. Last session will be on July 31st. We will meet again on September 4th at 10-12 OSH For info Jenny Hopkins 852386

Hadlow Gardeners: Monday 21st July at 7.30 pm in the OSH for a talk on "Standing Up for Trees" by Gilly Halcrow. Visitors welcome. No meeting in August. Contact Jenny Bubb jenny_bubb@hotmail.com 01732 365873

Hadlow WI: will be hosting a session by Kent Fire and Rescue in support of the WI's new resolution. Bystanders can be Lifesavers. There will be an opportunity to try CPR and learn how to use a defibrillator. New members and visitors are welcome to join us at the OSHat 7.30pm on Mon 28th July. email Hadlow@wkfwi.org.uk for more information. In August, Hadlow WI will be out and about visiting Spadeworks at Offham on Wed. 27th August.

Hadlow Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14 July - There is no meeting in August

Community Breakfast - There is no breakfast in July or August, but we will return on Sunday 21 September 9am to 11am. In May the Community Breakfast donated £100 to the Hadlow Community Minibus Scheme so thank you to all those that come along for a hearty breakfast and support this scheme. The Breakfasts are open to everyone so please do bring family and friends. £5 for full English and tea/coffee and great company.

Community Bike Fix: 19/07/25 OSH 10.30am to 3.30pm No booking required just drop by with your bike. More info at <http://ccw.bike/bike-fix>

Community Minibus Scheme – this has become extremely popular with community groups; we are now seeking additional Voluntary Minibus Drivers to ensure we have enough drivers for all our bookings. Please consider joining us, there are some fun and interesting trips booked and most groups include the driver in their adventures. This is a not-for-profit scheme, so driving is unpaid. Drivers must be over 21 have a D1 or B license. If you are interested, please contact the Parish

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 Village Hall: To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Hadlow Village Hall, we are pleased to offer a SUMMER BONUS. All bookings made and confirmed before the end of September 2025 will be eligible for a 20% reduction in the hire charges. Please ring HVH on 07399 938059 or email info@hadlowvillagehall.org."

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

Chair Yoga class. Every Wednesday at 11.30-1230. OSH It is a relaxed enjoyable seated yoga class led by instructor Machel. The class is enjoyed by around 11 lovely ladies each week. Cost is £4. For more info please contact Rebecca.Newton@tmactive.co.uk

Hadlow Walking Netball Group: have you tried it? It is suitable for all ages and abilities, an opportunity to exercise in a relaxed, fun and supportive way. Experience not needed or knowledge of the rules to join. So why not come along and join us for a **FREE** Taster session on **Wed13th Aug.** at Hadlow Rural Community School TN11 0AU 10.30-12.00. contact Shirley on 07746476071 or email shirleyellishost@yahoo.com to book yourself into this fun event.

Deadline for Sept. Issue July 18th. Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com.

