

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



Pet Blessing Service Sunday 13th July at 10am

All pets and their humans welcome. A wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, especially our own furry, feathered or scaly friends. If there are larger animals that cannot come into the church, a short service will take place outside the church at 9.50am.
(said Holy Communion at 9am)

Patronal Festival and Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 16th August at 12 noon

Everyone is invited to our Patronal Festival service and barbecue to celebrate 1050 years since the first recorded reference to the church in Hadlow. It was recorded in 975AD in the Textus Roffensis which is held in Rochester Cathedral. The service will be followed by a Barbecue. There will also be displays marking the history of St Mary's and our vision for the future. If you wish to attend, please email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk by 31st July.

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

Holiday at Home Two days of friendship, chat, activities and meals for seniors. Fri. 5th and Sat. 6th September. 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



Mouse Hunt and Cream Tea – Saturday 12th July



Help us find these pesky creatures who are hiding in Hadlow – mouse prizes to be won; come along to church between 1pm and 4.30pm for the start of the hunt and after enjoy a strawberry cream tea. Or you don't have to join in the hunt – 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.

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

Quiz Evenings in Church are paused during the summer.

Coffee Mornings for seniors: Fridays 4th & 18th July – and on the first and third Fridays in the month, 10.30am to 12pm in church. No coffee mornings in August.

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

Hadlow Carers Together meet every month in church on the 2nd Monday 1.30-2.30, and 4th Friday 10.30-11.30.

Food Bank The Food Bank will be closed from the beginning of July as there has been a very significant drop in the number of customers using it. Should any Hadlow residents continue to need food bank services, there is a food bank at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, by referral; also community larders with fresh food at St Stephen's on Saturday mornings and Tonbridge Methodist Church on Wednesday mornings. www.feast.org.uk.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have given up their time over the past four years to staff the food bank.

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

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.

Chair Yoga class. Every Wednesday at 11.30-1230. OSH It is a relaxed enjoyable seated yoga class led by instructor Machele. 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.

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

Deadline for Sept. Issue Friday 22nd August. Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com.