

# 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](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

**Wednesdays:** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Morning Prayer.** No morning prayer until a new vicar is appointed.

**Teddy Bear Blessing and Toy Service** – Advent Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.  
Bring your beloved Teddy for a blessing (and to take back home), and bring a new toy to donate to the Christmas Present Appeal for families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift. (Said Eucharist at 9am)



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

**Carol Service** – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm. A great start to Christmas: all welcome to come and sing at this service of lessons and carols.

**Golden Green Carols** – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm Carols and music in Golden Green Hall

**Messy Christmas** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Lots of fun and craft activities for the whole family. Come and make a Christingle and enjoy learning about the true meaning of Christmas. Includes a simple meal together and a short act of worship. All welcome, but no unaccompanied children, please.



**Christmas Eve** – 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Carols in the Square at 6.30pm**

**Midnight Mass at 11.30pm** (carols in church from 11pm)

**Christmas Day** – 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Family Christmas Service in St Mary's

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

**St Mary's Website** – [www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk) **St Mary's Office Email:** [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

**Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots:** Every Wed. 10.30am. 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. We end the year with our Christmas party on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Restart in the new year on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Coffee Mornings for seniors:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December only, 10.30am-12pm. All welcome; come and make friends. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, but there will be no coffee morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Café Plus:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in St Mary's Church, 1-3pm for crafts (knitting, crochet & sewing), good company and a cuppa. For our final Cafe Plus of the year, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 1-3pm, do come and join us for a warming Winter lunch: soup, roll, mince pies... table games, (free but donations welcome for our charities). Please let Sally or Janice know if you would like to attend. All welcome.

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

**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:** If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448

## Clubs Societies and Social

**Hadlow Historical Society:** We have eleven new members this season, and our Facebook pages now have nearly 200 subscribers, which is great - do try these out. Your contributions are very much welcomed. There will be no talk in December, as too near to Christmas, but in January Anne Hughes is going to tell us about the Coram Hospital for Foundling Children, with particular reference to the homes given by Hadlow families to these children for their first five years. Contact: Patricia Richardson: [hadlowhistory@gmail.com](mailto:hadlowhistory@gmail.com) or 07876 102572.

**Hadlow Seniors Pop-in Club:** We meet on Thursdays 10-12 at OS H. Our last session will be on the 18th December and we will meet again on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Info Jenny Hopkins 852:86, Carol Markwick 850413

**Hadlow Gardeners:** Our Christmas Party is on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in the OSH. Party food, drinks and entertainment by 'Not King Cole'. Visitors welcome. £10. Contact [jenny\\_bubb@hotmail.com](mailto:jenny_bubb@hotmail.com) or 01732 365873

**Hadlow WI:** We will be having our Christmas Festivities and social gathering to share seasonal merriment. New members and visitors are welcome to join us at the OSH on Monday 22nd December at 2.30 to 4.30 email: [Hadlow@wkwfi.org](mailto:Hadlow@wkwfi.org) for info.

### Hadlow Parish Council

**Parish Council Meeting** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 19.30 in the OSH.

**Seniors' Christmas Lunch Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025.** After the success of last year, the East Peckham Silver Band will yet again be playing Christmas tunes at the luncheon. Further info. regarding cost and timings will be available from Thursday 20 Nov. It will be on a first come first served basis so please do book your reservation as soon as possible, spaces are limited.

**Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council** is preparing a new **Local Plan**. The Local Plan will look ahead to 2042 and will provide a long-term vision and growth strategy for new development in the borough, providing a policy framework to help guide and shape the future of Tonbridge and Malling. To read and comment on the Local Plan, as well as other supporting documents, or find out more, please visit our consultation

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplan> where you can explore the emerging Local Plan and share your feedback.

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**New Mums' Workout :** Every Wed. 12.45-1.30pm HVH, TN11 0HQ Join our WhatsApp group to secure your spot 6 week block ~ £80 A supportive, 45 minute class designed for new mums and their babies (0-12m). Gentle but effective workouts focusing on rebuilding strength, improving posture, and supporting mental wellbeing after birth. Each session blends safe postnatal exercises, bonding time with baby, and connection with other mums. Join our community, move at your own pace, and feel strong, healthy, and confident again! [@TRAINED.BY.GEE](mailto:@TRAINED.BY.GEE) 07493 989600 [TRAINEDBYGEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TRAINEDBYGEE@GMAIL.COM)

**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](mailto:info@hadlowvillagehall.org)

**Hadlow Ladies Badminton group** village hall 1.30 on Thursdays. We have fun playing and a bit of exercise. Come along and meet us. Phone Joan on 01732 359078 or email [isted.hadlow@hotmail.com](mailto:isted.hadlow@hotmail.com).

**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:** Walking netball, 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. During December we will be meeting at Hadlow Rural Community School TN11 0AU Indoor Sports Hall on 6th and 13th Saturday mornings between 10.30-11.30 Please contact Shirley on 07746476071 or email [shirleyellishost@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyellishost@yahoo.com) for more information.

Deadline for January Issue: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Send items to [newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com](mailto:newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com).