

HADLOW NEWSLETTER



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Services in Church:

Sundays: 10.00am – Parish Eucharist Because of the difficulty in securing the services of visiting vicars to cover all our Sunday services during the interregnum, some of our services will not include Holy Communion.

Wednesdays: 9.30am Holy Communion

Backpack Blessing Service – Sunday 6th September at 10am.

All children, teachers, educators – and everyone! – are encouraged to bring their backpack or school bag for a blessing at the start of the school year. Followed by refreshments.



Installation of Hadlow's new Vicar

We look forward to welcoming our new vicar Revd. Dr. Peter Hayler and his wife Donna to Hadlow. Rev Peter will be installed by the Bishop of Rochester at a service in St. Mary's on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in church, all welcome. His first service with us will be on Sunday 4th October at 10am.

St Mary's church is open every day between 10am and 3pm If you would like to arrange a wedding or baptism, please contact 07570 941809, or email: office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

St Mary's Website www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk

St Mary's Office Email: office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis

Tuesday 1st Sept. 7.30pm in St Mary's Church

Film screening (16+) and discussion, plus update on local projects and St Mary's Vision 2030.

Doors open 7pm, drinks & nibbles available. Limited places: book your free ticket via the QR code or <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theccstmaryschurchhadlow/2345209>



An Evening with Henry VIII – Saturday 24th October in St Mary's Church

Laughter and learning wrapped up in one performance by Tony Harris, comedian, raconteur and actor who specialises in historical talks with a hysterical twist. Tony lived and worked at Hampton Court Palace for two years, playing Henry VIII for the benefit of more than half a million tourists. Entry £10, children £5. Bar available

Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots: Every Wednesday 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.

Coffee Morning for seniors: 4th and 18th September, 10.30am in church. Coffee mornings are usually held on the first and third Fridays of every month. All welcome; come and make friends.

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 Historical Crafters - All welcome to the only chance to see our exhibition of the History of the Salters Livery Company before going on permanent display at the Salters Hall in London. Brought to you by the creators of the Knitted Mouse History of St Mary's last year. Hadlow Village Hall on Saturday 24th October 10-2pm, exhibition free, refreshments available in aid of Hadlow Village Hall. Queries to Lee Kirk 01732 605934

Hadlow Carers Together Do you, or someone you know, care for an adult and would like a break for an hour? Do come along to the Carers Together group for an informal group chat with other carers who understand. We meet in Church on the 2nd Monday of the month 1.30-2.30 and 4th Fridays 10.30 -11.30am. Contact Sally, Jenny or Iris. or email HadlowCarersTogether@outlook.com

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

Golden Green Family Fun Day Please join us for our Family Fun Day on 6 Sept 2-6pm on Signpost Field, Three Elm Lane, Golden Green. It'll be an afternoon packed with FREE entertainment and activities for all ages. If you'd like some of our delicious food, available 4-6pm, please request a voucher (adults - £3, children under 12 - £2) by 27 August from Gabrielle (07711 554819) or Anne (07711 563831).

Hadlow Historical Society: Our new season of talks begins on Tues.22nd September (the 4th Tuesday) at 7.30 pm. Rod Legear will introduce us to the labyrinth of caves made - and decorated - by chalk miners, known as "**The Chislehurst Caves**". Membership subscriptions now due at £20, with visitors welcome at £4 per head. Contact: Patricia Richardson hadlowhistory@gmail.com or 07876102572

Hadlow Seniors Pop-in Club: We are a friendly group, why not come and meet new friends and enjoy other activities. We meet on Thursdays 10-12 at the Old School Hall. Info Carol Markwick 850413

Hadlow Gardeners: Monday 21st September at 7.30pm in the OSH for a talk titled '**17 years of Purgatory Under the NT**' by Chris Spree. Visitors welcome - £3. Contact Jenny Bubb jenny_bubb@hotmail.com 01732 365873

Hadlow WI: We will be having a talk about Tai Chi with background into this ancient Chinese mind body practice. Then a demonstration and optional participation. On the 28th Sept. at 7.30 in the OSH. New members and visitors welcome.

Hadlow Outdoor Bowls: in School Lane will welcome any visitors who want to watch a match. You may even get a free cup of tea too. Dates of match fixtures can be found on our website. www.hadlowbowls.co.uk. Tel. 01732852138.

Hadlow Short Mat Bowls Club have been successful in receiving a grant from the National Lottery fund for bowls equipment. If you are interested in playing short mat bowls please email mauricewonghadlow@gmail.com We meet at the OSH in Hadlow on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings from 16th September. Come along and give it a try.

Hadlow Madrigal Group : Would you like to join a small group of a cappella singers in Hadlow? Let me know if you're S A T or B and can read music. Email Ray Taylor at rayt4ylor@gmail.com

Hadlow Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14th September 2026, 19.30 in the OSH.

Hadlow Community Breakfast has donated £442.91 to the Community Minibus Transport Scheme on 25 June. Community Minibus Scheme - as summer approaches bookings for group trips are increasing. If you wish to take a group on a day out, please contact the parish office for more information. We are holding a quiz at the OSH to raise money for the upkeep of the community mini buses on the 5th of September contact Sally Surin@hotmail.co.uk for further info.

We respectfully remind residents to **cut back their hedges/vegetation** so that they do not obstruct the public pathway

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

Hadlow Village Hall: We are pleased to announce that we are having another **Christmas Gift Fair on Sunday 29th November 2026** which proved very popular last year. There will be stalls selling great gift ideas and a tombola. If you are interested in booking a stall - the hire price is £20.00 - please see contact details below.

Hadlow Village Hall (HVH) has a large air-conditioned Hall, Wi-Fi, a Fixed Projector/Screen and Speakers. A small Meeting Room, a well-stocked kitchen and a recently refurbished bar area. **For more information please ring HVH on 07399 938059 or email info@hadlowvillagehall.org**

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 September we will be meeting at Hadlow Village Hall, Marshall Gardens, TN11 OHQ on Saturday mornings between 10.30-11.30. Please contact Shirley on 07746476071 or email shirleyellishost@yahoo.com for more information.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism: We welcome into the family of the church: 28 June 2026 – Florence Sylvia Wells

Funerals: we extend our sympathy to the families and friends of:

6 July 2026 – Sandra Rhodes; 10 July 2026 – David William Ayres

Deadline for Sept 2026 Issue Friday 18th September Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com.