

HADLOW NEWSLETTER

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A Happy and Healthy New year to all our Readers

Services held in St Mary's Church:

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion, 10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

To maintain social distancing in church, we regret that we have to limit the number of people who are able to attend services. Therefore to help us with numbers, and to ensure no one is disappointed on the day, we have a booking system via the ticketing website Eventbrite: links available on the church website home page. There are, however, a small number of spaces available on the day for people to simply turn up.

Sunday 10am services are also available via Zoom. To receive the Zoom link please email Rev'd Paul White. Weekday services are only available on Facebook.

Weekday services available on Facebook: search for St Mary's Hadlow

Mondays: 9.am Morning Prayer, 6pm Compline

Tuesdays: 9.am Morning Prayer, 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesdays: 9.30am Holy Communion, 6pm Compline

Thursdays: 9.am Morning Prayer, 5.30pm Evening Prayer

At the time of writing we cannot be sure what restrictions will apply to church services. Please check on the church website or Facebook page before travelling. Please also be aware that restrictions can change at short notice.

The church is open on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm for private prayer and the Food Bank.

If you would like a visit or to arrange a wedding or baptism, please telephone Rev'd Paul White on 01732 850238 pauljohnwhite@gmail.com

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

Hadlow Advent Windows

A huge THANK YOU to all 24 participants who took part in our community Advent Windows. Your creative, cheerful and beautiful displays have been enjoyed by many in this dark time. Very well done!

Zoom Breakfast Talk

Saturday 9 January at 9am. Vanessa Bird will give a talk via Zoom titled: "Did Art Lead Us to the Science Revolution?" All welcome to join. For Zoom link please email: office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Zoom Quiz

Saturday 31 January at 7.30pm. All welcome, no entry fee, no prizes and, sadly, no dinner provided! Teams of one, two or a household. For the Zoom link please email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

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

St Mary's Hadlow Foodbank.

Life is tough at the moment and, for some people, it could well get tougher in the coming weeks and months. If you find yourself in need of some extra food support for any reason then please remember that St Mary's runs an emergency food bank. If you need help then please come to the church on Weds between 10.30 and 12.30 (no appointment needed) or call Rev'd Paul on 01732 850238. If you have children in Hadlow Primary School then food help can also be obtained by contacting Sharon Vanns at the school. If you are able to support our food bank then all donations of food or money would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Rev'd Paul as above. Please don't hesitate to use us if you need us.

If you are struggling and need help please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office for information on where and how you can get assistance, including using the local food bank service, government grants, mental health agencies etc.

Thank you to all involved in producing and delivering the newsletter over the past year, both the regulars and those who have volunteered recently. Anne Hughes

Clubs Societies and Social

HADS: What do you call an amateur dramatic society that can't do a pantomime? SAD HADS. But HADS will be back with a pantomime next January so look out for more information later in the year."

Hadlow Flower Club:

We would like to wish all a happy and healthy new year. Hopefully we will soon be able to get back to some normality once the new vaccine takes effect and the Club can again meet up and our Friendship with Flowers can continue. Stay safe.

Hadlow Historical Society: We are still not able to plan for our usual meetings but there is a possibility of joining East Peckham Historical Society for their talks on Zoom. Enquiries to Anne Hughes on 01732 850214 or hadlow12@mail.com

Hadlow Gardeners Society:

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas. We do not anticipate meeting up for a few months yet, not until we feel it is safe to do so. Jenny Bubb (secretary) 01732 365873 Email: jenny_bubb@hotmail.com

Hadlow WI Happy New Year! Here's hoping and praying that this year we will be able to get back to seeing our family and friends again in person, especially at the various groups that meet week by week in Hadlow. Our first members meeting is on 19 January at 7.30pm. This will be a gardening talk by Alison Marsden from Garden Design in Southborough. More info at <http://hadlowwi.co.uk>

Hadlow Parish Council

The next **Virtual Council Meeting** is on December 14th at 19.30 via zoom. Please register with the Parish Clerk to join.

Bulky Refuse Lorry: Service Suspended.

Cold Weather Warning: Prolonged cold weather can be a risk for anyone although vulnerable people, including the elderly and those with long-term medical conditions, are particularly at risk which creates further health concerns this winter season as Covid-19 cases are still prevalent in the community and those in vulnerable groups can be most at risk of severe symptoms. More info at www.kent.gov.uk/winterhealth

- Regular hot meals and drinks can help keep your body warm.
- Keep your home heated – set the heating to the right temperature (18-21C).
- If trying to save fuel, it is advisable to heat the living room during the day, the bathroom when needed and the bedroom, just before going to bed.
- Get the flu vaccine to protect yourself and others. This is free for anyone over 50, pregnant women, those with long term conditions, and children aged two to four. Details are available at GP surgeries or pharmacies and the vaccine is free for some people.
- Order repeat prescriptions in good time to make sure you have enough supply of any medicines you use.
- Have your heating and cooking appliances checked regularly and make sure the chimney has been swept recently.

If you need to go out:

- Wear shoes with slip resistant, good grip soles.
- Make sure you are not caught out by snow and ice; stay tuned to the weather forecast and plan ahead with food supplies.
- Get up-to-date traffic information at www.kenttraffic.info
- In periods of severe weather such as snow and ice, do not travel unless necessary.
- People are urged not to go to A&E or call 999 unless it's an emergency. If you are in any doubt, NHS111 can help you get the right treatment.

Clerk: 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 with at: [Twitter@HadlowParish](https://twitter.com/HadlowParish) [Facebook@HadlowParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/HadlowParishCouncil), Website www.hadlowpc.co.uk.

Poppy Appeal: This year, despite the disruption caused by Covid-19, Hadlow District has raised over £2800 for the RBL Poppy Appeal. Considering there were no house-to-house collections, which meant that we were able to distribute only a quarter of the usual number of boxes into the community, and they had to be retrieved early before lockdown 2 started, this is an amazing amount. It demonstrates how generous people are in recognising how the Legion depends on the support of the public to continue its work day in, day out. Thank you all.
Sean & Anne Waddingham, Poppy Appeal Organisers (gghamlet@outlook.com)

Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers:

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. Volunteer leaders offer a variety of walks, mostly on Sunday mornings with additional mid-week rambles each month. Our walks are usually circular and about 5-6 miles in duration. We start from different points mostly within the Ton. and Mall. area. New members are welcome, as are those wishing to try a walk with us before joining Ramblers. We are re-starting small group walks from Thurs. 3rd Dec., following Ramblers national guidelines and with careful social distancing. While Tonbridge and Malling remains in Tier 3, only those who live in Tier 3 locations can walk with us. <http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk> or email info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk to request details of upcoming dates and routes.

Deadline for February Newsletter: Friday January 22nd 2021. Send items to newsletterhadlow@btinternet.com

Folding: Volunteers needed to fold newsletters in their own home. Anne Hughes will collate them for delivery.