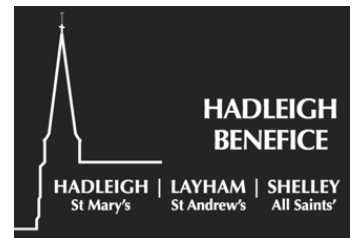


Sunday 3 December 2017

Advent Sunday



**Welcome to our service, especially if you are visiting today.
Please do join us for refreshments after the services at
St Mary's and All Saints'.**

THIS WEEK:			
Morning prayer is said at St Mary's, Tuesday-Friday at 8.30am			
Sunday 3 December	3.30-5pm St Mary's Christingle Family Picnic - Food, stories, songs and activities - including making your own Christingle. 6.30pm Hadleigh Orchestra Christmas Concert, at St Joseph's – see over for details		
Monday 4 December	<u>12noon</u> Bereavement Support Group Christmas Lunch, at the George		
Tuesday 5 December	11am The Row Chapel – Sung Eucharist (BCP) 1.30-2.45pm Tadpoles, for babies, toddlers and their carers 2pm Encounter, at the URC – see over for details 4.30pm Silent Prayer, at the Salvation Army Hall - all welcome 6-8pm Porch Project 7.30pm Salvation Army Hall - CTiH Forum meeting		
Wednesday 6 December	8.30am St Mary's - Morning Prayer and Eucharist		
Thursday 7 December	9.30am Diary meeting in the Deanery office 7.30pm Ministry Team meeting, at Joyce's		
Friday 8 December	9.30am St Mary's – Prayer Meeting 9.30am–12noon St Mary's – Café Church 10.15am Café Church Communion 5.15pm St Mary's – Advent Stations 7-9.30pm Porch Project		
Saturday 9 December	4pm Shelley Riding School Carol Service 6.30pm St Mary's – Hadleigh Choral Society Christmas Concert		
Sunday 10 December Advent 2	8am	Said Eucharist (BCP)	St Mary's
	9.15am	Morning Worship	All Saints'
	9.15am	Sung Eucharist	St Andrew's
	10.45am	Morning Worship with Baptism	St Mary's
	12.15pm	Shortened Eucharist	St Mary's

NOTICES

WELCOME TO THE BENEFICE OF ST MARY'S HADLEIGH, ST ANDREW'S LAYHAM AND ALL SAINTS' SHELLEY. We hope you enjoy being with us, and look forward to welcoming you again in the future. Communicant members of all churches are welcome to receive communion – or come up for a blessing if you prefer.

If you require a **gluten free** communion wafer, please speak to one of the welcome team – preferably before the start of the service.



Children at St Mary's are welcome to use the area at the back of church, where there are toys, books and other things to do.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to **gift aid** your collection donation at St Mary's, please put it in the white envelope inside the hymn book and complete the details on the front. Please ask a welcomer if you do not have an envelope. Thank you.

If you would like someone to pray with or for you after any service, please ask a member of the Ministry Team and they will direct you to someone who will be happy to do this.

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 15 Dec 2017 – Tuesday 2 Jan 2018

There's still time to sign up, so if you know of a business, club, group or school that would like to take part, please take a flyer. For an application form or for more information please contact the church office:

office@stmaryshadleigh.co.uk 01473 527499

All profits to Hadleigh Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and St Mary's Church

Also, there will be an Informal Social Evening to open the festival – Friday 15 December, 7-8.30pm at St Mary's. Tickets £5, to include light refreshments, available from the office.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: with the money raised from our coffee morning we were able to fill 50 shoeboxes, bringing a final total of 61 to be sent to the children of Moldova. Grateful thanks to all who made this possible - Sue Moore, Kath Belling, Anne Chilton.

NOTICES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Advent Stations: Each meeting will start at 5.15pm and last no more than 30 minutes, with time for reflection and prayer. The remaining dates and themes are:

Friday December 8th 'Change your ways' (John the Baptist)

Friday December 15th 'According to your will' (Mary)

Hadleigh Orchestra Christmas Concert this evening, Sunday 3 December, 6.30 p. at St. Joseph's R.C. Church. Carols to sing and music by Dvorak, 'Sleepers Awake', Tango, Walking in the Air etc. Free concert, with retiring collection.

Encounter: Tuesday 5 December, at the United Reformed Church from 2 - 4pm. Milly Dagleish will be leading Advent reflections – fliers at the back of St Mary's.

FROGs Christmas Party: we will be having an end of term Christmas party for FROGs (for all primary school aged children) on Wednesday 13 December in St Mary's Church from 6-7.15pm. As well as games and food, we will be making decorations for the Frogs and Tadpoles Christmas tree which will be part of the Christmas Tree Festival in church from Friday 15 December. Contact Trish 07810 004121 or trish17@sky.com

CTiH Carol Singing at the Co-op: Please join us for our annual Carol Singing at the Co-op along with the Salvation Army band on Saturday 16 December at 10am; if you don't like singing you could help by giving out leaflets about the Christmas services. Please come and support us and stand up for the real meaning of Christmas! Many thanks



Layham Carol Concert: We are holding our annual Carol Concert on Saturday 16 December at 7pm. As usual, there will be a nice variety of music and readings, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please make a date to join us, and if there is anyone who might be able to contribute a musical item or perhaps a humorous reading, you would be very welcome. (Contact Brian at b.hempstead@hotmail.co.uk or 01473 810171).

Congratulations to Mike Crowe from Shelley on winning the National Open Art Competition East of England Artist of the Year award, with his painting 'Big sky at Felixstowe Ferry'. Mike's award was presented at the Private View on the 17 November at The Bargehouse, Oxo Tower Wharf.

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and good wishes whilst I was in Papworth, for all the lovely cards and for those friends who visited me in hospital. I am now recovering well at home and hope to see you all soon
Kind regards, Sandra Smithson

FAMILY PRAYERS

Recently baptised: Freddie Herridge and Reggie Robertson (Hadleigh),
Evie Rose Owers (Layham)

For health and wellbeing: Jess Fyfield, Bob Stanley, Maureen Bell,
Caroline Taylor, Amanda Brodie, Jenny Spencely, Mollie Burrage, Amanda and
her family, Jean Gibbons, Lucinda Salway, Sandra Smithson, , Kenny Scarff

Long term sick: list available

Recent deaths, Colin Lenox, Annette Romer-Lee, Sophie Stuart-Mills

Praying the roads in Hadleigh: Pykenham Way + Wellington Close +
Charter Close

Other prayers: We thank You that we have been able to use November
to pray for the persecuted Church, and for all those Christians around the
world who took part in Red Wednesday, when churches and public buildings
,including the Houses of Parliament ,were lit up in red as a sign of solidarity
with persecuted Christians. We know that we are all brothers and sisters in
Christ, united by Your love for us. Grant strength and courage and protection
to those who love You; guidance and wisdom for when their path seems
impossible to tread, and hope for a future, where they have the freedom to
worship You without fear.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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