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# BENEFICE MAGAZINE

October 2021



## MONTHLY SERVICE PLAN – October 2021

DATE	SERVICE	PLACE
Friday 1 October	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
<b>Sunday 3 October Trinity 18</b>	<b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Harvest Festival Eucharist 9.15am Harvest Festival 10.45am Eucharist</b>	<b>Hadleigh Shelley Layham Hadleigh</b>
Tuesday 5 October	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	Row Chapel
Wednesday 6 October	8.30am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Friday 8 October	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Saturday 9 October	3.30pm Wedding	Shelley
<b>Sunday 10 October Trinity 19</b>	<b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Eucharist 9.15am Morning Worship 10.45am Harvest Festival Eucharist 2pm Baptism</b>	<b>Hadleigh Layham Shelley Hadleigh Hadleigh</b>
Tuesday 12 October	11am Matins (BCP)	Row Chapel
Wednesday 13 October	8.30am Morning Prayer	Hadleigh
Friday 15 October	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Saturday 16 October	3pm Wedding	Layham
<b>Sunday 17 October Trinity 20</b>	<b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Eucharist 9.15am Morning Worship 10.45am Eucharist</b>	<b>Hadleigh Shelley Layham Hadleigh</b>
Tuesday 19 October	11am Matins (BCP)	Row Chapel
Wednesday 20 October	8.30am Morning Prayer	Hadleigh
Friday 22 October	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Saturday 23 October	12.30pm Wedding	Hadleigh
<b>Sunday 24 October Bible Sunday</b>	<b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Eucharist (Layham w Shelley) 10.45am Eucharist 2pm Baptism</b>	<b>Hadleigh Shelley Hadleigh Layham</b>
Tuesday 26 October	11am Matins (BCP)	Row Chapel
Wednesday 27 October	8.30am Morning Prayer	Hadleigh
Thursday 28 October	7.30pm Eucharist with incense	Hadleigh
Friday 29 October	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
<b>Sunday 31 October All Saints' All Souls'</b>	<b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 10.30am Benefice Eucharist 4pm Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Hadleigh Hadleigh Hadleigh</b>

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There are plans to hold a **Deanery Fete** in 2022, and this might be a joint St Mary's / Friends event. Plans are still in the very earliest stages, but if you think you might like to be involved in the organisation, there is a meeting at St Mary's on Weds 6 October at 2pm. Originally the provisional date was in July next year, but this is now more likely to be the end of August or early September. Watch this space for more details!

# FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM



*Dear Friends,*

## SCARCITY VS GENEROSITY



What does our the “Gold Rush” attitude to petrol say about our society? The declaration that there may be a shortage of petrol saw so many people rushing to buy. Then came the next wave of those who were frightened that there might be none left for them. Out came the “Jerry cans” and the storing of spare petrol ‘just-in-case’. Those of us who didn’t, watched with a vague and annoying superiority, as if we wouldn’t do a similar thing one day.

The clamour for petrol, like toilet rolls, like sugar, like pasta, highlighted a belief that everything is scarce. We see everything as running out. If we don’t see it ourselves, someone tells us! We are told what we need and what we must buy and we are told that everyone else (who is in the right group) has already got it and, unless we hurry, there will be nothing left.

It is an attitude that has affected humanity globally. If we haven’t got what we believe is enough we will, almost without conscience, take it from someone else. Empires have founded this raison d’être, exploiting the fear that their citizens will have less, unless they consume other’s resources. Our craving, my craving, leaves me with too many clothes, too many things in general – once described by the laconic Will Self as “suffering from Stuffedocation”.

It is all based on the idea that we live in a “Society of Scarcity”.

In such a society, the line in the Lord’s Prayer “give us today our daily bread” becomes “give me my daily bread and I also need enough for tomorrow in case there is none then – and I’ll put a couple more loaves in the freezer, to be safe because someone once told me that they ran out of bread”.

The Society of Scarcity demands that I have too much to ensure that I do not end up with too little. BUT if there is only just enough for all of humanity then those extra loaves are surely being taken from someone else. If we need to ensure the survival of the whole of humanity (let alone the planet) I will need to be more aware of what others need.

However, our Christian faith holds in its Gospel so many moments when Jesus points his followers to a different way. The Lord’s Prayer asks us to focus on enough for each day – no more, no less. We are asked to consider the lilies and the birds, not to store spare food in barns, to give away, be generous. In fact, the Christian Gospel points us to a “Society of Generosity”. I am called to give away, to offer what I have, no matter how many or how few my possessions – just so long as it is “the widow’s mite”. The widow, you will remember, gave all that she had and without trumpeting it.

So, I am trying to ensure that I have compassion for my fellow human beings as I hope and trust we will have for one another. When I hear of shortages and complications, may I remember that I have enough to keep me for the day and offer my generosity to those filled with anxiety. May I be a voice of reassurance, kindness and calm.

Wherever my gracious God leads me, may I prayerfully act in making my fellow humans’ worlds less oppressive, painful and sorrowful.

**Fr Jo**

## “WHERE IS THE LOVE?”



On the **16<sup>th</sup> October** we would ask you to find time to attend a **BENEFICE STUDY DAY** at St Mary's. The day begins at **9:30 am** and will end with a shared (or picnic) lunch at **1 pm**.

During this day we will be sharing our reflections on the pandemic and our recovery from it. There is no preparation, no particular skills nor any coherent understanding needed of what went on!

Together we will listen to each other's stories, tell our own tales and see where we meet and where we differ.

Please do attend and bring with you your ears, your humour, your kindness, compassion and some food.



# Prayers for October



The Prayers this month are particularly for the situation in Afghanistan, but sadly in our broken world many of these situations can apply in other places too.

We pray for those who have stayed and we thank you for their witness, grant them safety, security, strength and opportunities as they live through and adjust to their new government.

We pray for those who have fled, be with them on their journey to find a safe place to live and we ask that through modern technology they will still be able to keep in touch with loved ones who have scattered.

We pray for the women and girls who are more vulnerable under the Taliban rule. Pray that their love of learning does not diminish and help them to find safe ways to pass on their knowledge to the younger generations.

We pray for the secret believers who have to hide their faith, give them courage to hold on even in the face of execution.

We pray for those who are seeking, that the church around the world would use this opportunity to show the love of Christ to all people who are searching.

We pray for the food and economic situation. While global attention is on the conflict, local Afghans are going hungry. 14 million people in Afghanistan could be pushed to the brink of starvation due to drought and famine. Father God provide food and necessities to the Afghan people who have lost so much.

We pray for the Covid-19 situation, healthcare facilities are collapsing, vaccination rates are falling and there is a shortage in oxygen supply. God, we pray you would heal the sick in Afghanistan.

We pray that no more terrorist attacks will take place. As other extremist groups try to take advantage in the chaos, we pray God would confuse them and hinder them from putting more people in danger.

Finally, because your word tells us to pray for the persecutors, we pray for the Taliban. We pray for miracles, that God will reveal Himself to these leaders through dreams and visions and bring about peace.

Prayers adapted from the Open Doors Website

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/latest-news/afghanistan-prayer/>

# READINGS FOR OCTOBER

## Sunday 3 October

*Trinity 18*

*Genesis 2.18-24*

*Psalm 8*

*Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12*

*Mark 10.2-16*

## Sunday 10 October

*Trinity 19*

*Amos 5.6-7,10-15*

*Psalm 90.12-17*

*Hebrews 4.12-16*

*Mark 10.17-31*

## Sunday 17 October

*Trinity 20*

*Isaiah 53.4-12*

*Psalm 91.9-16*

*Hebrews 5.1-10*

*Mark 10.35-45*

## Sunday 24 October

*Bible Sunday*

*Isaiah 55.1-11*

*Psalm 19.7-14*

*2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5*

*John 5.36b-47*

## Sunday 31 October

*All Saints'*

*Wisdom 3.1-9*

*Psalm 24.1-6*

*Revelation 21.1-6a*

*John 11.32-44*

## FROM THE REGISTERS – September 2021

### ***Baptisms***

26 September

**Skyler Grace May Lawrence**

At St Mary's Hadleigh



### ***Funerals***

22 September

**Joan Augusta Noble**

At St Mary's and Ipswich Crematorium



The November issue of the magazine will be available on **Sunday 31 October**. Anyone is very welcome to contribute articles for the magazine, and anything for inclusion should be emailed to the office please, by Wednesday 27 October at the latest.

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**Mothers' Union Evening Open Meeting**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary's at 7.00 p.m.

Mothers' Union would like to invite you all to our Evening Open Meeting. We are having an outside speaker, Christine Ward, who will be talking about the Clewer Initiative. This will introduce the very important subject of Modern Day Slavery, how to recognise it and how to report it if you do. If you would like more information at this stage, please have a look at the display on one of the notice boards. Several of us followed our local MU Zoom course for Lent this year and Sarah has displayed some of the material we watched and discussed.

Sadly, this is a very real issue for our time. It is easy to think that there is nothing we can do but the very least we **can** do is to be interested, to learn the facts and then to pray, both for those caught up in such misery and those who work to alleviate their plight.

Do come along and share the evening with us. All are most welcome.

Alison Crockett

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**Praying the roads in Hadleigh:**

- 3 Oct      Inkerman Close + Inkerman Terrace + Spooners Lane + also Lady Lane + Place Farm Close
- 10 Oct     Magdalen Road + Gayford Court + Sydney Brown Court, Guthrum Road, White Lion Court, Maiden Way
- 17 Oct     Lady Lane Industrial Estate + Malyon Road + Little Lumpkid + Crockatt Road + Kilnbottom
- 24 Oct     Woodthorpe Road
- 31 Oct     Oxford Drive

## **From our 'Mann in the High Lands!'**

Before I write anything else this month, please may I use the Magazine as follows:

“So I mustn't forget, no, I mustn't forget  
To say a great big 'thank you,'  
I mustn't forget!”

These words from a well-known school assembly song have prompted me to say "thank you" again to those many people, both in St Mary's Church, and elsewhere, who have given me so much help and care since Audrey had to cease being my chief carer nearly two years ago... helping me to get to and from church, the hospital, dentist, optician, our church concert on 14th August and various other venues, and, only last Sunday (25th September) reading for me at a few minutes notice whilst I was, yet again, taken into Ipswich Hospital.

All I can offer in return are my grateful and heartfelt thanks, especially to the Mothers' Union members for their unseen help in our home, and their welcome on Wednesday afternoons; whilst this spirit lives on, St Mary's will never die! God bless you all!

There's also been another great source of joy during our rather soggy summer (although for a while we've enjoyed an Indian Summer and early Autumn: I speak of the passion and sportsmanship of the England women's cricket team - what a grand crew they are - the batting of Tammy Beaumont, the fast bowling of Katherine Brunt and the delicate spin of Sophie Ecclestone, together with the skilled catching, throwing and general fielding of all the players made superb watching on tv. However, I must not confine myself to cricket: it seems every time I watch the women's football teams, the opposing goalkeeper is collecting the ball from the back of the net!

In short, then, Vive Les Dames, and until next month, thank you God for all your blessings to us in so many ways...

From Philip

## **Mission Partner with YWAM: Charlotte Bowden's News**

Greetings to everyone at St Mary's, St. Andrew's and All Saints Shelley.

What a joy it was for me to eventually get over to Suffolk and see you at Layham and Hadleigh. I was so encouraged by your words and love and your expressed delight in reading my news each month. I can't express fully the delight and joy it has brought me and I'm as ever so grateful for your support and prayer.

As I write this, I am currently on an early morning shift of 7am to 10am teaching via zoom to Thailand. I finish on Friday 1st October. Thank you so much for your prayers which have been felt as I have prepared and encourage me as I teach. There are 6 Thai students and 1 South Korean from different YWAM bases dotted around Thailand, and all meet online from their location. I am teaching the Gospel of John, John's letters and Revelation all through a translator as they don't speak English. They are a delight and eager to learn.

On October 10th I am preaching at St Nicholas church which I attend in Nuneaton. I need to pray and prepare and greatly value your prayer for wisdom, insight into God's Word and God's message for this community.

Mid October I plan to travel to South Africa for the intensive two week period of teaching and study for the Master's degree I am taking. This module 3 is entitled: Human Development and we are looking at both scientific and historical Christian theories of growth and development. In particular there is a focus on attachment theory, faith development and life-span development along with the challenging topics of trauma and addiction. I had thought I would not be able to go because of the mandatory and extortionate quarantine hotel regulations, as South Africa is on the UK red list, but then realised I could fly via Ireland, where these regulations don't exist. It is also where my twin sister and her husband live so I can stay in their home for the ten days after South Africa. What a blessing!

Thank you as always for your love, prayer and partnership. I pray for you too, that Christ will open the way for you to receive even more of his abundance of grace and blessing.

*with love and blessings, Charlotte*



## Dates for your diary

Weds 6 Oct	2pm Deanery Fete meeting at St Mary's
Weds 13 Oct	7.30pm Layham PCC
Sat 16 Oct	9.30am-1pm 'Where is the love' study day at St Mary's
Tues 19 Oct	6pm Shelley PCC
Weds 20 Oct	7pm Mothers' Union - open meeting: the Clewer initiative
Sun 31 Oct	10.30am Benefice Eucharist 4pm All Souls' Service
Weds 17 Nov	2pm Mothers' Union at the URC
Thu 18 Nov	4pm St Mary's PCC
Sat 20 Nov	7.30pm Hadleigh Choral Society Concert
Weds 24 Nov	7.30pm Layham PCC
Sat 27 Nov	tbc: Recital at St Mary's with Sarah Gallop (soprano)
Sat 4 Dec	4pm Shelley Riding School Carol Service
Sat 11 Dec	Hadleigh Choral Society Christmas Concert

### **Regular events:**

First Thursday of each month – diary meeting in the Benefice Office at 10am, please try not to disturb at this time

First Monday of each month: Bereavement Friends meet at 10am in the Kings Head

Third Wednesday of each month: Mothers' Union, usually 2pm, but times and venues occasionally vary!

Weekly during term time: FROGs, for all primary school aged children, Fridays at 3.45pm, in St Mary's

Every Wednesday (and on Sunday mornings) the FIND box is available at St Mary's for food-bank donations.

Every Friday: Café Church at St Mary's, 9.30am-12noon, with Craft Market on the first Friday of each month



The Row Chapel, decorated for the Harvest Festival service at the end of September.  
Thanks to Monica and Barry Hardy for all their work.

# A Service of Thanksgiving & Commemoration

*An opportunity to give thanks, and to  
commemorate the life of a loved-one  
who has died.*

on **Sunday 31 October at 4pm**

in St Mary's Church, Hadleigh



Refreshments will be available after the service

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