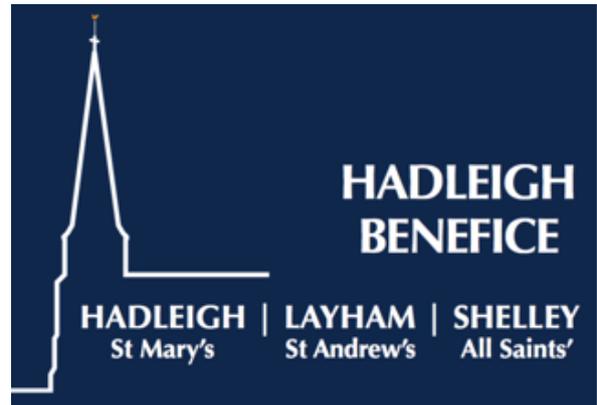
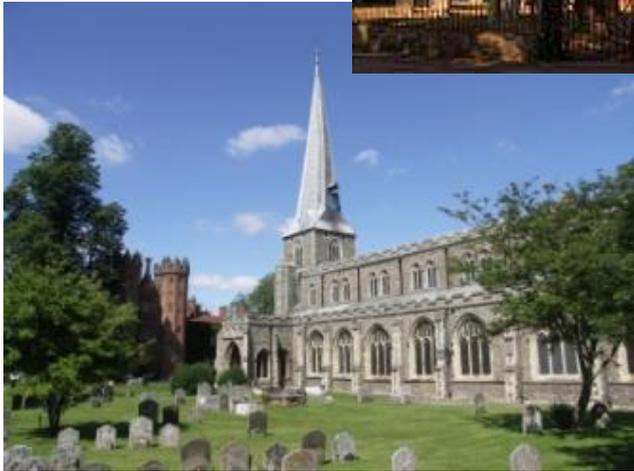


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# BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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## MONTHLY SERVICE PLAN – November 2021

| DATE  | SERVICE  | PLACE  |
|---|--|--|
| Tuesday 2 November  | 11am Holy Communion (BCP)  | Row Chapel   |
| Wednesday 3 November  | 8.30am Eucharist   | Hadleigh   |
| Friday 5 November   | 10am Eucharist   | Hadleigh   |
| <b>Sunday 7 November<br/>3 before Advent</b>                  | <b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP)<br/>9.15am Sung Eucharist<br/>9.15am Morning Worship<br/>10.45am Sung Eucharist</b>  | <b>Hadleigh<br/>Shelley<br/>Layham<br/>Hadleigh</b>              |
| Tuesday 9 November  | 11am Remembrance Service   | Row Chapel   |
| Wednesday 10 November   | 8.30am Morning Prayer  | Hadleigh   |
| Friday 12 November  | 10am Eucharist   | Hadleigh   |
| Saturday 13 November  | 3pm Baptism  | All Saints'  |
| <b>Sunday 14 November<br/>2 before Advent<br/>Remembrance</b> | <b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP)<br/>9.15am Morning Worship<br/>10.45am Sung Eucharist<br/>10.50am Remembrance Service<br/>3pm RBL Service of<br/>Remembrance</b> | <b>Hadleigh<br/>Shelley<br/>Hadleigh<br/>Layham<br/>Hadleigh</b> |
| Tuesday 16 November   | 11am Matins (BCP)  | Row Chapel   |
| Wednesday 17 November   | 8.30am Morning Prayer<br>7.30pm Eucharist with Incense   | Hadleigh<br>Hadleigh   |
| Friday 19 November  | 10am Eucharist   | Hadleigh   |
| <b>Sunday 21 November<br/>Christ the King</b>                 | <b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP)<br/>9.15am Eucharist<br/>9.15am Morning Worship<br/>10.45am Eucharist</b>  | <b>Hadleigh<br/>Shelley<br/>Layham<br/>Hadleigh</b>              |
| Tuesday 23 November   | 11am Matins (BCP)  | Row Chapel   |
| Wednesday 24 November   | 8.30am Morning Prayer  | Hadleigh   |
| Friday 26 November  | 10am Eucharist   | Hadleigh   |
| <b>Sunday 28 November<br/>Advent Sunday</b>                   | <b>8am Said Eucharist (BCP)<br/>9.15am Eucharist (Layham w Shelley)<br/>10.45am Eucharist</b>  | <b>Hadleigh<br/>Layham<br/>Hadleigh</b>                          |
| Tuesday 30 November   | 11am Matins (BCP)  | Row Chapel   |

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I SAID WE NEEDED FOUR CANDLES  
FOR THE WRE - OH, NEVER MIND



Tim Waking

## FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

*Dear Friends,*



I don't know if any of you are like me, when I think of November I always think of it as a month to remember. I think this is mainly because of All Souls on 1<sup>st</sup> November and Remembrance Day on 11<sup>th</sup>; but also because it is the end of the church year and is a good time to look back on what has happened in our church throughout the year.

Last year was difficult for many of us with two lockdowns, one coinciding with Christmas! So many of the things which were planned had to be cancelled, or at least postponed. I can remember exchanging Christmas gifts with my son in my daughters back garden and virtually hugging him before he left with his girlfriend.

A day I clearly remember was the day when we were told we could see our family and my son came round after work and gave me the biggest hug ever (I must admit he is a very good hugger!) and I wished that hug would never end. I was of the lucky ones in that I had been in my daughter's support bubble from the first lockdown and so was still able to have physical contact with my grandchildren for which I am truly grateful.

So many of you only had contact of a virtual kind and most of us have become very adept at using Zoom and social media to keep in touch with our families and friends.

I'm hoping that this Christmas will be different in that we will be able to see family and friends face to face and enjoy the simple things in life like sharing a meal. Jesus liked to share meals with his friends so when we have those precious moments we are being what we are called to be as people of God made in His image.

This year has been one of things starting up again, groups meeting and friends having coffee together, but there is always that fear in the back of my mind that the virus will become more widespread and everything will go back to how it was during lockdown. But what wonderful things came out

of those times! The caring side of people was really visible and so many put their own lives at risk carrying out tasks for those who were unable to do things for themselves. You only had to visit the Lockdown Exhibition to see how creative so many of you were, with photographs, paintings, poetry, craft work and so much more. I am in awe of you all! Personally for me one of the best things which has happened in church is the restarting of Frogs and the holiday club, it is so special to have the children back in the church once again. Leading on from this is the introduction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday service which I am sure will grow and evolve as time goes by. So, yes, November can be a sad time when we remember those who have died, remember those killed serving their country, but it doesn't have to be all sad but also a time for reflection. A time to remember those lovely things which have happened not just in the past year but also the wonderful times we spent with our dear departed loved ones. And remember, the end of one thing is the beginning of another and Christmas is only just around the corner!

With love and prayers,  
Trish x

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**Christmas Hamper Raffle:** This is a much-needed fundraiser for St Mary's, and tickets will be available on Friday mornings and Sundays from the end of November. To comply with licensing laws, tickets may only be sold on church premises. The hampers will be filled with donated items, and from next week you can commit to contributing something towards them. We are aiming for good quality, luxury items, and will be asking for specific categories of items (chocolates, wine, biscuits, other drinks... etc) - and if we have enough donations we hope to be able to raffle two or even three hampers. Please can we have all items for inclusion (to Claire, Jess, Patsy or Marylou) by Friday 26 November? Tickets will be on sale on the 28 November and the 3, 5, 10 and 12 December; the raffle will be drawn on Sunday 12 December after the 10.45am service.

# PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER

The changing of the seasons, the coming of winter.  
The calendar year ending, the church year beginning.

We remember the saints as November begins.  
We give thanks and we remember that Jesus has called us all to be saints.  
November ends with Christ as King.

That final Sunday of the church year when we proclaim the greatness of Christ.  
When we reflect on where we've been this year and where we're going.  
When we remember that Christ is the alpha and omega, the beginning and  
end.

And so, we go throughout our days remembering.  
We give thanks, we light candles, we pray, we sing, we worship.

We look to you, Lord, to guide our ways.  
To walk with us, to know us, to teach us, to inspire us.

Just as the leaves fall and the trees are laid bare, so are we  
stripped of our defences this November.

Strip us from our doubts and insecurities,  
strip us from self-loathing,  
strip us from feeling defeated,  
strip us from being lost.

Guide our ways and point us to the light that never fades.  
So that a dark, November night can be our healing and our balm.

Amen.

by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller



As Cop26 meets to discuss climate change, here's a child's prayer about caring for creation. Pray for all children in this ever changing and challenging world.

Dear God,

Please look after those people who are poor and those who are homeless.

May you guide those who have lost their homes, to new lands of plenty.

Lord, we pray for those who are responsible for the pollution in the seas,  
the air and on the land you have created.

May they know the error of their ways and work towards a new  
sustainability. Amen.

Toma Oti, Year 6 St Anne's Catholic School, Manurewa, New Zealand

# READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

**Sunday 7 November**  
*3 Before Advent*

*Jonah 3.1-5,10*  
*Psalm 62.5-12*  
*Hebrews 9.24-28*  
*Mark 1.14-20*

**Sunday 14 November**  
*2 Before Advent*  
*Remembrance*

*Daniel 12.1-3*  
*Psalm 16*  
*Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18]19-25*  
*Mark 13.1-8*

**Sunday 21 November**  
*Christ the King*

*Daniel 7.9-10,13,14*  
*Psalm 93*  
*Revelation 1.4b-8*  
*John 18.33-37*

**Sunday 28 November**  
*Advent Sunday*

*Jeremiah 33.14-16*  
*Psalm 25.1-10*  
*1 Thessalonians 3.9-end*  
*Luke 21.25-36*

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The December issue of the magazine will be available on **Wednesday 1 December**. Anyone is very welcome to contribute articles for the magazine, and anything for inclusion should be emailed to the office please, by Friday 26 November at the latest.

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**Advent:** beginning on Friday 26 November at 5.45pm at St Mary's, for 4 weeks, there will be a short reflection – all welcome.

# FROM THE REGISTERS – October 2021

## ***Baptisms***

10 October                      **Jacob and Isabelle Farthing**  
At St Mary's Hadleigh



## ***Weddings***

9 October                      **Emily Westwood and Toby Lane**  
At All Saints' Shelley

16 October                      **Anna Allan and Joseph Fenton**  
At St Andrew's Layham



23 October                      **Andrew Tipple and Sarah Sweet**  
At St Mary's Hadleigh

## ***Funerals***

1 October                      **Daphne Irene Kennington**  
At St Mary's and Hadleigh Cemetery

20 October                      **Dorothy Lilian Fenhoulet**  
At St Mary's and Ipswich Crematorium



**Julia Helen Hanford**  
At St Mary's and St Andrew's Churchyard

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## **Praying the roads in Hadleigh:**

7 Nov                      Rampling Close + Chisnall Close + Ward Close + Allen Road  
+Durrant Road + Leeks Close

14 Nov                      Emmerson Way + Betts Close + Lambert Close

21 Nov                      Pykenham Way + Wellington Close + Charter Close

28 Nov                      Shearman Road + Lister Road

## **Reader Ministry in the Hadleigh Benefice.**

With Hilary and Olive now Reader Emerita, it seemed a good opportunity to look at some of the background to Reader Ministry in the Hadleigh Benefice.

What are Readers? Well, according to my licence we are authorised to lead services, to read and expound the scriptures, to give addresses, to teach, to assist in the administration of Holy Communion, to visit the sick and to undertake pastoral and educational work – generally summed up as preaching and teaching.

We moved into Hadleigh in 1987 and we became involved in the church - Sandra on the music side and me serving and on chalice duty after having been taught by John Rye.

I felt that I wanted to do more and Sam Cowley, who was curate at the time, suggested that I enquire about becoming a Reader. At the time there were already two Readers in post - Tom Parry and as he was always known, WAB Jones, and it turned out that I was not the only one to be interested because also interested were, in no particular order:- Hilary Griffin, Jean Hynard (later Jean Herring) Maureen Holland, Mary Parry, Graham Fussell, Catherine Chambers and Jane Killick, quite a group!

After that, having been recommended by the priest Geoffrey Arrand, we had to gain the acceptance of the PCC - this was duly done so onto the next stage. This involved being told to prepare an essay and a piece of written work, in my case prayers for a harvest service, and attending a selection meeting which lasted all day - here we were interviewed by established Readers and diocesan staff.

All our group were accepted and then the fun began! Here in Hadleigh it was a plenary day and we had weekly meetings led by Geoffrey Arrand, then a 3,000 word essay at the end of each term. This continued for two years until the diocese changed the system which meant that we started the new three-year course led by Elizabeth Moore.

Year one was the Old Testament, year two the New Testament and year three was ethics, which included a weekend away learning about preaching.

The course was overseen by assessors from both the Chelmsford and Norwich diocese to ensure that the course fully complied with nationally

laid down standards. Jane Killick was licenced after one year because she had obtained a theology degree.

So, in 1994 Hilary, Maureen, Mary and Graham Fussell were licenced, Catherine and myself took a year out for different reasons and were licenced in 1995.

This continued, and I took a break from the Benefice from 2000 and returned in 2009, in the meantime carrying out my Reader duties in another benefice.

Sheila Webb moved to Hadleigh as a licenced Reader during David Stranack's tenure.

Olive Martin joined the team when she and Bill moved to Hadleigh from Nayland where most of her ministry had taken place. Olive had already completed a two-year intensive course in Christian studies in the Chelmsford Diocese and then went on to complete the three-year Reader course in this diocese. Olive was licenced in 1996.

During the tenure of Martin Thrower, I recommended Brian Hempstead as a potential Reader - this was accepted, and he went through the training system which by this time had become much more intense and academic.

With the death of Jane Killick, the illness and death of Maureen Holland, Mary Parry moving away and subsequent death in service, and Catherine and Graham Fussell going in different directions, it meant that only Hilary and myself were left from that original training cohort and now with Hilary and Olive becoming Reader Emerita it just leaves Brian and myself in post.

So, what of the future in general? Well It seems that with forms of lay ministry involving little or no formal training and no rules governing what can and can't be done which are popular in some areas, a shortage of people offering themselves for ministry and the move toward ordination for anyone interested in ministry, it seems inevitable that Reader ministry having been in existence for over one hundred and fifty years will soon completely disappear from the church scene.

*Graham Brook*

## Pastoral Care

We have been thinking for some time that we need a Pastoral Care Team. Visiting or phoning people is one way we can show our care for those who are no longer able to take an active part in the life of our Church family. The Residential Care Homes are just beginning to open up again and we need to have some plans in place for restarting communion and other services in the Care Homes, and also to take communion to people in their own homes who are now unable to come to Church. So, this would seem to be a good time to review what we have been doing and to think through a way forward that keeps everyone safe.

We have arranged a meeting to make some plans on Friday, November 12th at 12 noon, in Church, and anyone who is interested in being part of this is welcome to attend. If you would like to be involved but cannot make that date, please let Father Jo or Joyce know and we will keep you informed about what is happening.

And with thanks for all you are already doing,

Joyce

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There were plans to hold a **Deanery Fete** in 2022 (with significant 'town' support from outside the church congregation), but this has now been put back until 2023. This means that we now have an opportunity to plan a big fundraising event for next summer – maybe a Garden Party or similar?

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

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

At the beginning of October I finished teaching the Bible books of the apostle John via zoom to a YWAM Bible School in Udon Thani in Thailand. There were 6 Thai and 1 South Korean students from different YWAM bases dotted around Thailand, and all met online from their location. I finished with a brief overview of the book of Revelation and amazingly I finished right on time. Thank you so much for your prayers

On October 10th I preached at St Nicholas church in Nuneaton. The Scripture was Mark 10:17-31 and the message came together in a way that I was able to preach mostly from memory, rather than look at my notes, which I was delighted with. I believe it spoke to the community I was preaching too. Thank you again so much for your prayer in this.

As I write, I am in South Africa at the Schoenstatt sisters of Mary Catholic Retreat Centre in Constantia, Cape Town. I am here for the two-week intensive time of teaching for the Master's degree in Christian Formation and Discipleship. I am very much enjoying the warm Spring weather, beautiful walks in the nearby Vineyard and botanic garden, and delicious food. It's so good too to be with my YWAM friends from around the world who are taking this degree too.

Amidst the teaching on human development, last week we shared our life stories and where we have experienced trauma in our lives; also talked about liminal spaces, the impact of trauma and when faith and hope is shattered. This week we have focused on the stages of faith from first becoming a Christian, as depicted by Teresa of Avila, James Fowler and others. And a lovely lady called Dr. Margaret Blackie has taught on Ignatian Spirituality, which I love and attune to. I fly to Ireland after this, and spend the first week of November with my sister and her husband, before returning back home to Nuneaton.

I do not have any more Bible teaching sessions planned for this year, which I hope gives me time to focus on the Online Biblical Teaching and Preaching School I am creating. Also, I plan to visit our YWAM campus in Norwich, which has recently started. Thank you so much for your partnership, love and prayers. I pray for a deep sense of the Holy Spirit's peace and joy within you as we move into the cooler rainy season.

*with love and prayers, Charlotte*



## Dates for your diary

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| Weds 17 Nov | 2pm Mothers' Union at the URC<br>7.30pm Eucharist with incense at St Mary's |
| Sat 20 Nov  | 7.30pm Hadleigh Choral Society Concert                                      |
| Weds 24 Nov | 7.30pm Layham PCC   |
| Thu 25 Nov  | 4pm St Mary's PCC   |
| Sat 27 Nov  | tbc: Recital at St Mary's with Sarah Gallop<br>(soprano)                    |
| Sat 4 Dec   | 4pm Shelley Riding School Carol Service                                     |
| Sat 11 Dec  | 6.30pm Hadleigh Choral Society Christmas<br>Concert, at St Mary's           |
| Sun 12 Dec  | 4pm Hadleigh Orchestra Christmas Concert<br>at St Mary's                    |

### **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, and Second Hand Stall**, on the first Friday of each month. The Craft Market is run mainly by people outside the church congregation, but they enjoy using the space and we enjoy hosting the stalls. The Second Hand Stall is run by Patsy Forsyth and her helpers, and is already proving to be a valuable source of income for church funds.



# Craft Market

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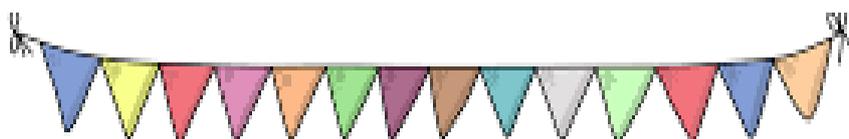
# Second-Hand stall

At St Mary's Church, Hadleigh



**First Friday of the month**  
**9.30-12noon**

All proceeds from Second-Hand Stall to  
St Mary's Church



# St Mary's Church Hadleigh



## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Win a luxury hamper full of festive treats!

**Tickets £1 each, on sale in church  
on Sunday mornings 28/11, 5/12 and 12/12  
and Friday mornings (Café Church) 3/12 and 10/12**

**Raffle will be drawn on  
Sunday 12 December after the 10.45am service**

**All proceeds to St Mary's Church**

