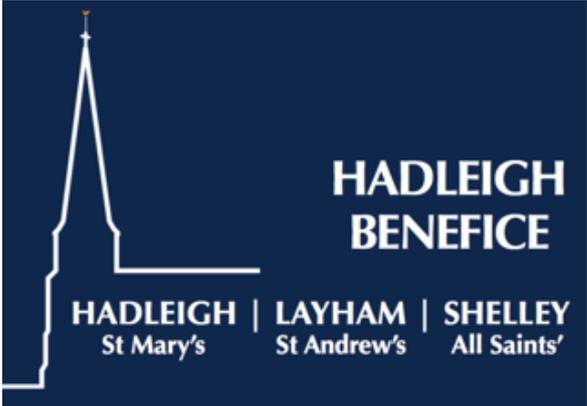


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BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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MONTHLY SERVICE PLAN – January 2022

DATE	SERVICE	PLACE
Sunday 2 January Epiphany	8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Sung Eucharist 9.15am Morning Worship 10.45am Sung Eucharist	Hadleigh Shelley Layham Hadleigh
Tuesday 4 January	11am Holy Communion BCP	Row Chapel
Wednesday 5 January	8.30am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Friday 7 January	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Sunday 9 January Baptism of Christ	8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Sung Eucharist 9.15am Morning Worship 10.45am Sung Eucharist	Hadleigh Layham Shelley Hadleigh
Tuesday 11 January	11am Matins (BCP)	Row Chapel
Wednesday 12 January	8.30am Morning Prayer	Hadleigh
Friday 14 January	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Sunday 16 January Epiphany 2	8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Eucharist 9.15am Morning Worship 10.45am Eucharist	Hadleigh Shelley Layham Hadleigh
Tuesday 18 January	11am Matins (BCP)	Row Chapel
Wednesday 19 January	8.30am Morning Prayer	Hadleigh
Friday 21 January	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Sunday 23 January Epiphany 3	8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am Eucharist (Layham with Shelley) 10.45am Eucharist	Hadleigh Shelley Hadleigh
Tuesday 25 January	11am Matins (BCP)	Row Chapel
Wednesday 26 January	8.30am Morning Prayer	Hadleigh
Friday 28 January	10am Eucharist	Hadleigh
Sunday 30 January The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	8am Said Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Benefice Eucharist	Hadleigh Hadleigh

Row Chapel services for January are cancelled

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FIND food bank donations: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the FIND collections. As I've said before, there is an ongoing need and in these difficult times, an increasing number of families needing help. It's of course right and proper that we give at Christmas and harvest, but may I make a plea to even out the donations through the year, I say this because, talking to Maureen Reynel, she told me that this year three weeks before the start of the harvest season, they were dipping into cash reserves to buy food, and after harvest they were absolutely overwhelmed, so the ideal is a steady supply throughout the year. Keep up the good work.

Graham Brook

FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

Dear Friends,



So that was Advent

During Advent we travelled an amazing journey.

Our Learning and Growing group organised some carefully considered and reflective services for the three Fridays of December looking at the Great 'O's – evening antiphons from the last few days of Advent. many thanks to those who created and those who experienced it. Alongside this we had the five Advent candles, each symbolising a part of the journey, being lit at each service.

Advent is a time of waiting and watching, looking forward to the arrival of the Christ child and the coming of God's Kingdom. The foretaste was offered in the various carol services. At All Saints' and St Andrew's, we ventured out to asking the young people gathered there to help us tell the story. The Carol Service at St Mary's saw Samson bravely starting the service and then a cornucopia of delight!

Each church was resplendent with careful decoration and we have many people to thank. So, thank you to singers, compilers of services, cleaners, decorators, readers, the lay readers and elders who took the role of deacon or led the services, intercessors, ad hoc and organised coffee, tea and mulled wine preparers not forgetting church openers, those who noticed the small things that might be forgotten. THANK YOU ALL.

And now the Christmas season is upon us. All is white and gold. We await the Epiphany season. There have been a great number of exciting encounters balanced by disappointment at flow tests or virus moments that cancelled some.

As we begin 2022, let us continue to pray for a year that will see a rescinding in the virus, a fairer sharing of our World's resources, careful management of the planet, generous welcomes to those who flee, a clarity of compassionate love that will burst out when all seems dark and horrid.

We continue to pray for our NHS staff, care workers and all those who offer public service or work sometimes long and complicated hours in our food stores and hospitality.

Finally and most importantly, rejoice that Christ came into the world to help us understand God's love for us and to challenge us to build a Kingdom fit for our God.

Have a happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr Jo

FROM THE REGISTERS – December 2021

Funerals

14 December **David William Hudson**
At St Mary's and Hadleigh Cemetery

15 December **Kenneth Robert Linge**
At Seven Hills Crematorium

Leonard Pryke
At Ipswich Crematorium

29 December **Hayley Ellen Harding**
At St Mary's and Hadleigh Cemetery



Praying the roads in Hadleigh:

9 Jan 2022 The Green + Tower Mill Lane + Millers Close

16 Jan Timperley Road + Timperley Close

23 Jan Wentworth Close + Dyers Court + Buckenham Road +
Meriton Rise

30 Jan Wilson Road + The Granary + Banks Close + Dunn Close

PRAYERS FOR JANUARY

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed every creature and plant,
every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

Vinita Hampton Wright

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".
And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of
God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known
way".
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into
the night.
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the
lone East.

From 'God Knows' by Minnie Louise Haskins.

READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday 2 January

Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalms 72.[1-9]10-15

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 9 January

The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-17,21,22

Sunday 16 January

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62.1-5

Psalms 36.5-10

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

John 2.1-11

Sunday 23 January

Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Luke 4.14-21

Sunday 30 January

*The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple*

Malachi 3.1-5

Psalms 24.[1-6]7-10

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 2.22-40

The February issue of the magazine will be available on Tuesday 1 February. Anyone is very welcome to contribute articles for the magazine, and anything for inclusion should be emailed to the office please, by **Thursday 27 January** at the latest. Please do think about contributing something – it makes for a much more interesting magazine!

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ENCOUNTER IS BACK!

As part of the week of prayer for Christian unity, Encounter will be offering a quiet, reflective afternoon on **Thursday 20 January at the URC, from 2pm to 4pm.**

For those who don't remember pre Covid, Encounter is the name of the ecumenical group who have been offering time to listen, to reflect, to work on creative ideas, and to keep silence. Anita from St. Joseph's, Karen from the URC, Joyce and Stella from St. Mary's, and Milly Dalgleish, who helped us start this many years ago, invite you to our first Encounter after Covid. More information will come later; this is for you to book the date.

We are made for goodness.

We are made for love.

We are made for friendliness.

We are made for togetherness.

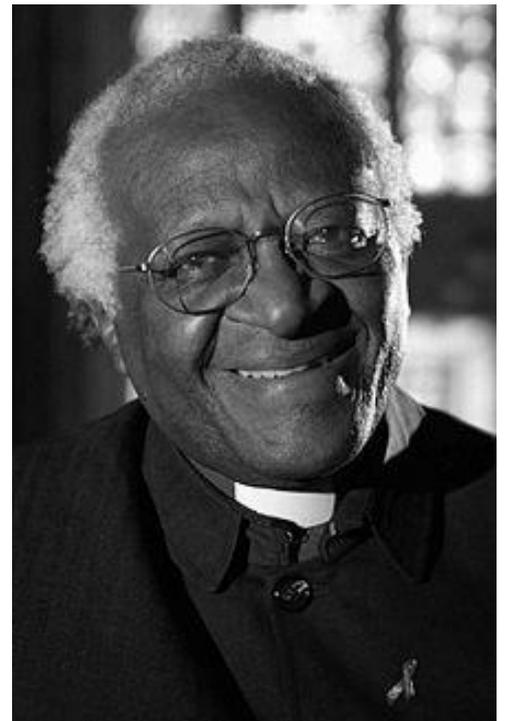
We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know.

We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders.

All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all.

We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu 7.10.1931 – 26.12.2021



Mission Partner with Youth With A Mission: Charlotte Bowden's News

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

Firstly, I hope you had a blessed Christmas, and I hope and pray you have a very blessed year of 2022, filled with the love, joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I had a lovely Christmas with my sister and brother-in-law in Ireland, and half empty flights with Ryanair meant a relaxing journey there and back.

The Biblical Teaching and Preaching School in Orlando, USA is going ahead. I will be pioneering and leading the training for the three students booked into this three-month lecture phase. I am booked to fly on Friday January 7th, to start on January 10th, and to return 3rd April. I will be teaching the first week and possibly another. We have other teachers booked in for the other weeks, so I hope and pray they will all be able to come. The students will do a 2-3 month outreach after the training, but I won't be so involved in that.

Flying does seem to be more stressful with all that is needed before boarding the flight, and I've noticed flights are often cancelled and changed; I think I have everything in place with ESTA visa, Covid vaccination certificates, a telecommunication lateral flow test booked within 24 hours of departure etc. but I would very much value prayer that this all falls in place and for wisdom and peace as I lead this school. (And hopefully no jet lag!)

Module 3 of the Master's degree I am taking in Christian Formation and Discipleship is now thankfully behind me, and on January 10th I start on module 4, which is entitled 'Formative Theology'. We have ten great books to read including several by David G. Benner, who I have enjoyed reading in the past, and study of Ephesians, Colossians and other letters of Paul. We are also due to return to South Africa to the Schoenstatt sisters of Mary Catholic Retreat Centre for the two-week intensive teaching time in February.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership, love and prayers, which are very much felt and valued. I pray you are changed by the richness of Christ's love and 2022 is a precious year for you.

with love and prayers, Charlotte

From our 'Mann in the Highlands'

First, may I wish you all a Peaceful New Year!

I hesitate to say 'Happy,' because I know very well that for many people, life is not always happy. Yet, for us Christians, we believe that Jesus wants us to be joyful, not necessarily in a jolly or euphoric way, but, perhaps, contentedly at peace with ourselves and with other people. However, even as I write I find that I am arguing against myself, because who can honestly say that any one of us is always found in such an enviable state of mind?

Now, when I wake up in the morning, I am immediately aware that the various aches and pains have not all miraculously disappeared during the night; then I remember unpleasant situations, either my own or those of other people, and perhaps worst of all, I am reminded of all the tasks which I should have done yesterday and find myself thinking, "Oh, Philip, you are in a mess!" It is then that I think, "Hang on old boy... you've woken up and you're still breathing; that means you are still alive!" I remember that God still has a need for me, so I get up, attend to my immediate needs, make a cup of tea, and thank God for his boundless love. I sing a verse of a familiar hymn to focus my thoughts, then I use a short form of morning worship (thanks Jo & Co, your 'Lockdown' card is great!). By the way, by this point, I've now slowly drunk my cuppa, and it's time for the Bible Reading Fellowship 'Guidelines' for the day.... I pause, take a deep breath, and pray – for family, friends, charities, the world etc. Then it's time for a longer pause to think, and finally, I thank God for Weetabix, prune juice. Most days, one of my carers brings me back to earth with a shower or a short walk... and finally, I face the day's tasks, events, activities or whatever else!

This, folks, is what keeps me going day by day; it's not meant to be a universal blueprint, but it has helped me – could it help you? In the meantime, God bless you, and have a safe new year.

With love from Philip & family x



Dates for your diary

Thurs 3 Feb	4pm Hadleigh PCC
Weds 9 Feb	7.30pm Layham PCC
Weds 2 March	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 31 March	4pm Hadleigh PCC
Sat 2 April	Hadleigh Choral Society Concert
Fri 8 April	2pm St Mary's School Easter Service
Fri 15 April	Good Friday
Sun 17 April	Easter Sunday
Weds 20 April	7.30pm Layham APCM
Sat 7 May	Charlie Haylock at Layham Village Hall
Sat 14 May	St Mary's Open Day and Gift Day
Sun 15 May	Layham Plant Sale
Sun 22 May	Community Light Orchestra Concert
Sat 28 May	10am Hadleigh APCM
Sat 11 June	Friends of St Mary's Hidden Gardens
24/25/26 June	St Mary's Flower Festival (exact dates tbc)

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.