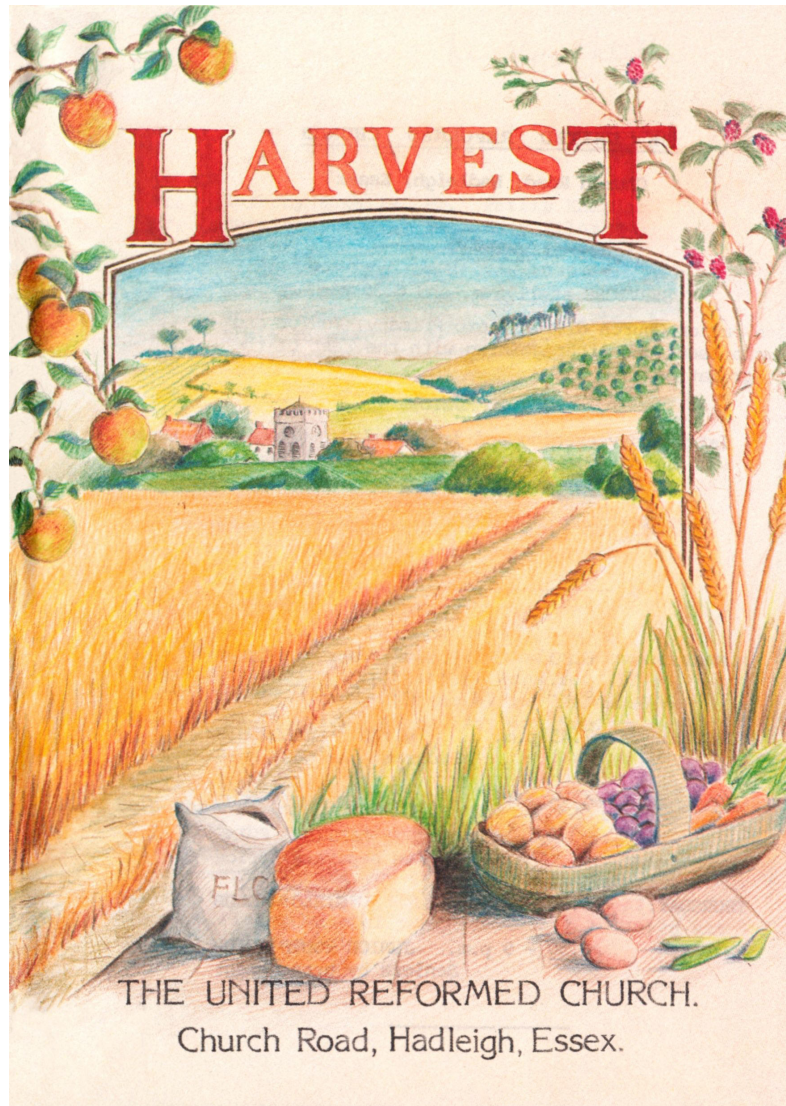


# THE HADLEIGH MESSENGER

September 2018



## SUNDAY SERVICES

at 10.30am (every Sunday) & 6.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)  
with Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening  
and on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning of each month

## Monthly Midweek Service

at 10.30am on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month

## PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	10.30am	Morning Service	Mr. Roger Brett
	6.30pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion	Mrs Heather Brown
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10.30am	Morning Service	Mr Adrian Tinning
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10.30am	Morning Service with Holy Communion	Mr Robert Dart
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	10.30am	Morning Service	Rev. Jack Roche MA
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10.30am	Midweek Service	Rev. Jack Roche MA
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10.30am	Harvest Festival Morning Service	Mr John Amos

## SUNDAY MORNING DUTY ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

	ELDER	STEWARD	REFRESHMENTS
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Jean Reeve	Malcolm Brown	Malcolm Brown
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Heather Brown	Ann Purkiss	Kay Watson
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Malcolm Brown [Holy Communion]	TBA	Jean Reeve
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Jean Reeve	Malcolm Brown	Doreen Churchill
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Heather Brown	Janet Wimbledon	Janet Wimbledon

## FLOWER ROTA

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Keith & June Gargrave - 65 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	

<b>ELDERS' MEETING</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7.30pm

<b>CHURCH MEETING</b>
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep 12.30pm

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### **An invitation**

We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship at any of our services where a warm welcome awaits. If you are in need of help that the ministry of the church can supply then be assured of our interest and concern. If you are suffering from ill health, loneliness or bereavement and feel that we could help, or if you would like to ask for a prayer or personal visit then please let one of our church officers know. All such requests are treated in the strictest confidence.

## A Harvest Reflection

I want to tell you about a man from Zimbabwe who had a small piece of land, but it was dry and choked with weeds. The equipment needed to clear and water the land was too expensive for him. So even though he was poor and hungry, the land went unused. But he received valuable assistance from Christian Aid and C4L. Water pipes were laid across His land. He was given tools to till the ground. Now his patch of land grows banana plants. Although still terribly poor he is extremely thankful for the livelihood he now has. He can feed his family. Being a Christian he's extremely thankful to God.

I also want to tell you about a man from England. He lived in a good sized house with a lovely garden which he tended every day. He had a vegetable patch that grew carrots, courgettes, potatoes, broccoli. He had fruit trees that produced apples and pears. He said he was a Christian – but surprisingly never acknowledged the Lord's generosity, or even shared his abundance with the poorer members of the community. Makes you think doesn't it?

The words “thank” and “think” hail from the same root, reminding us that thanksgiving comes from thinking about our blessings. Yet, the greater God's gifts, the less they are regarded. It's known as the law of reverse proportion: A hungry man is more thankful for his crumbs than a rich person, like you and me, for his overstuffed fridge!

Most cultures in the world have Thanksgiving celebrations. Salmon harvest = Alaska; Sugar cane harvest = Barbados; Grape/new wine harvest = Austria/Italy; Yam harvest = West Africa (i.e. Ghana). Whether it's grain, rice, salmon, grapes, sweet potatoes – whatever the harvest – a good one is a cause for celebration and thanking your “gods.”

We have the Christian Harvest Festival, these gifts that represent the fruits of our gardens, wheat of the fields, and beautifully decorated windows, are symbols of our gratitude. They're a way of saying “thank you” to the one true God. I think we need this service to explore what it means to come to God overflowing with gratitude – because too often we give Him no credit at all.

Frances Ridley Havergal began writing hymns at the age of 3. She never wrote a line without first praying over it. She said: “I believe my King suggests a thought, and whispers me a musical

line or two, and then I look up and thank Him delightedly and go on with it. That is how my hymns come.” And every day she jotted down something – often a little thing – for which she thanked God. It was her way of “thinking about thanking.”

Deuteronomy 26 reminds us how God's people were to show their thanks for the way God had treated them once they had settled into the land – the land flowing with milk and honey – emphasising just how abundant life would be. If you celebrated properly, you would take your first fruits; the best offering of your grain and go to the appointed place of worship. You knew only too well that unless the Lord had been generous, you would have nothing to offer to the priest: “I now acknowledge to the LORD my God that I have entered the land that he promised our ancestors to give us.” (v.3).

The land was God's gift to them and this prompted the people to remember all that He had done for them in the past. That's why while offering their gifts they would recite words about their ancestor Jacob and about being slaves in Egypt reminding themselves of what the Lord had done. Can we remember what God has done for us?

As we see the gifts at Harvest festival time, we need to be encouraged not only to think of this present harvest, but to the past mercies of God who has been good to us even before we were born! First, without God our Father, who created the Universe, we would not exist. Without the gift of our planet, we would not be prosperous. Without Jesus Christ, we wouldn't have the hope of heaven. So many people are unaware that their very life, and all they have, is a precious gift.

God rescues and saves His people. That's why the children of Israel are told to approach Him with appreciation for their salvation. This same blessing has been given to every child of God in Jesus Christ. Because in dying on the cross He made it possible for our damaged relationship with God to be restored. He's delivered us from the old life of sin and made us a new creation. He's done all this for you and me! Amen.

*Rev. Tim Mullings*

Tettenhall Wood & St. Columba's URC,  
Wolverhampton

## From the Editor

Welcome to the September edition of the Hadleigh Messenger.

I am grateful to Jean Reeve and Heather Brown for contributing articles this month. Jean writes about her annual trip to Weymouth. Heather writes about a once in a lifetime event – the graduation ceremony at which our daughter Jennifer received her PhD.

I have had the sad job of editing two obituaries – for Margaret Irribarren and Sylvia Patten. On a lighter note, in honour of the visit of Vera Knapton's Australian niece Mel, I have included a short item on kangaroos. We look forward to catching up with Mel at the Wives' Fellowship afternoon on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Continuing the series introduced in July, the magazine contains an article about the Holy Habit of eating together, written by Rev. Mark Meatcher. Mark and his wife Rev. Melanie Smith have recently moved to pastures new in Enfield. Melanie is now the minister for Palmers Green URC, Ponders End URC and Winchmore Hill URC, while Mark is the minister for Bush Hill Park URC, Christ Church, Enfield, URC and Lancaster Road URC.

Although I've not had chance to write about it, Heather and I attended the farewell service and

tea for Rev. David Rees at Christ Church Rayleigh. David never preached at Hadleigh but he was active in the Area Partnership and Synod. We thank him for his service in this area and send him, his wife Birgit and their children every blessing on their move to Ipswich where David will be serving the Ipswich and East Suffolk pastorate comprising Castle Hill, St Johns Ipswich, Felixstowe and Saxmundham URCs.

Rev. David Sebley from the joint pastorate of Bramerton Road (Hockley) Community Church and Basildon URC has also moved on and will be ministering at the Church in Great Notley and Christ Church Braintree. We pray that the Lord will be with David and his family as they continue to serve Him. A replacement for David has already been appointed and Rev. Gillian Thomson, well-known at Hadleigh, will take up her first ministerial appointment.

This month sees a very special birthday for the Hadleigh Messenger's oldest reader (as far as I am aware). Jean Hodges, who grew up in Hadleigh and was married at our church, will be 100 years old on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We send Jean our love and best wishes for a very happy birthday. I hope to see her on her special day in Bradbury Home, Southend.

*Malcolm Brown*

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## Café Church @ Costa's

Looking for somewhere you can take your non-Christian friends and family? Costa Coffee at 269 London Road, Hadleigh could be that place! On the fourth Sunday each month from 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we have CAFE CHURCH @ COSTA'S from 5.00pm till 6.30pm.

No one has to 'Join', just come along and enjoy the non-threatening atmosphere.

*Roger Kingston – Leader, Churches Together in Hadleigh*

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## Bible Incomplete: Fill in the missing letters to complete the passage

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Opinions expressed in any published articles do not necessarily reflect the view of the Editor or the policy of the United Reformed Church, either locally or nationally.

# WHAT'S ON

## A round-up of future events in the area

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Tue 11 Sep 2018	- Coffee Morning & Book Sale at St Peter's Church Hall, Church Road, Thundersley, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. With cakes (70p) and savouries (50p to 70p) and unlimited tea/coffee (£1.10).
Wed 12 Sep 2018	- Coffee Morning with home-made cakes at St Michael's Church, Daws Heath, from 10.00am to 11.45am. £2.00 for cake & unlimited coffee.
Sat 15 Sep 2018	- Coffee Morning at Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, fro 10.00am to 12 noon. Proceeds to Kidney Care UK.
	ditto - Hadleigh Gardening Association Harvest Show at Hadleigh Methodist Church Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Exhibits of flowers, fruit & veg, homecrafts & photography. Refreshments & raffle. Admission £1.00.
Mon 17 Sep 2018	- CAVS Ways to Wellness Drop-In at Hadleigh Library from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. CAVS Ways to Wellness is a project that aims to improve your health and wellbeing by linking you to services and opportunities available in your community.
Thu 20 Sep 2018	- Essex Poetry Festival event with Southend poet Mervyn Linford at Hadleigh Library from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Tickets £4.00 - available from the library or book online at <a href="https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events">https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events</a> .
Fri 21 Sep 2018	- Macmillan Coffee Morning at the SA Hadleigh Temple from 10.00am.
	ditto - Castle Crafters Meeting at Hadleigh Library from 1.00pm to 2.30pm (every Friday). If you enjoy having a chat and crafting, come along.
Sat 22 Sep 2018	- Lace Day organised by Thames Estuary Lacemakers at Hadleigh Baptist Church, Falbro Crescent, from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Come along if you'd like to see how lace is made or even have a go yourself. For a free taster session, including tea/coffee and biscuits, call in before 2.00pm.
Sat 29 Sep 2018	- Macmillan Coffee Morning at Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Thundersley from 10.00am to 12 noon.
	ditto - Chess at St James from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Beginners welcome. For more information, phone Colin Melliush on 01702 555291
	ditto - The Salvation Army London Central Fellowship Band in Concert with Massed Songsters at the SA Hadleigh Temple. Starts at 7.00pm.
Mon 1 Oct 2018	- Benfleet & District Historical Society Talk by Brian Carline ~ 'Days of Dolly Blue and Izal'. At Richmond Hall, off Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Starts at 8.00pm Visitors £3.00. New members welcome.
Sat 13 Oct 2018	- Coffee Morning at Hadleigh Methodist Church from 10.00 to 12 noon.
	ditto - Hadleigh & Daws Heath Councillors' Surgery in Hadleigh Old Fire Station from 10.00am to 12 noon.
	ditto - Beat and Beans Café at St James the Less Church from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Live music by Mike David, pianist. Refreshments available. Come and go as you please. Free admission.
Sat 20 Oct 2018	- Hadleigh Library Local History Day from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Guest speakers throughout the day. Local history displays and themed activities. Refreshments available.

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More events listed on the HELIX website at <http://www.hadleighessex.info>



# Diary of My Week in Weymouth

Jean Reeve gives an account of her annual stay in Weymouth with friends Hazel and Mike Benson. Hazel is the daughter of the late Sylvia Fowler, from Hadleigh, who was a close friend of Jean's.

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Aug** – This year, I again travelled to Weymouth by car. I enjoy my door-to-door transport – no worry for me, just comfort. I left home at 8.30 and arrived at Hazel's at 12.30.

Mike and Hazel were at the door to greet me and when I entered the hall, there was Charlie, their son, ready with a kiss and a cuddle, although he is now head and shoulders above me. Also there was Molly, their lovely black labrador, so it was my turn to give her a lovely cuddle.

After a chat and a cuppa, Hazel drove me over to Portland. We parked near to Portland Bill lighthouse and strolled around the main entrance of the building but there was no climbing to the top, although the view must be great. After a while, we sat outside one of the cafés and enjoyed an ice cream in the sunshine.



Portland Bill lighthouse

On arriving home, I relaxed in the garden and then the lounge whilst Mike and Hazel took Molly to the beach so she could enjoy a swim.

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Aug** – This morning, Hazel drove me to Norden, where we took a steam train to Swanage. It was a lovely surprise! To hear the whistle blow as it entered and left the stations and to see smoke billowing from the engine took me back to when I first started to travel to London each day to work.

The Swanage railway steam trains run for six miles, weaving their way through the beautiful, Purbeck countryside, past the magnificent ruins of Corfe Castle, the charming station of Harmans Cross to the sandy beach of Swanage, the eastern gateway to the Jurassic Coast, a world heritage site.



Corfe Castle ruins

There is another station between Harmans Cross and Swanage, known as Herston Halt but the train only stops there on request. We arrived at Swanage at 11.00am. After a pleasant walkabout, we caught the 14.00 train back to Norden.

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Aug** – Today, we went to Dorchester for market day. I enjoyed myself strolling around the many stalls and telling myself to leave my purse in my bag – no buying anything. Did I take any notice – no! Once again, I bought another two long skirts and two t-shirts. I never listen to myself!



Dorchester market

Later we had a walk around Dorchester shopping centre, where once again I found myself buying yet another skirt and t-shirt. After enjoying a sit-down with a coffee, we made our way home.

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Aug** – This was the first cloudy day with not much sunshine so we did some local shopping in the morning and in the afternoon, Hazel and I went back to Dorchester, this time to visit the cinema. We saw 'Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again', which I thoroughly enjoyed.

We arrived home about 19.00 and spent a relaxing evening all together.

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Aug** – I had booked a car to pick me up at 15.00 so in the morning Mike drove Hazel and me into Weymouth. No shopping this time; we just had a leisurely walk along the harbour stopping for a drink and natter along the way.



**Weymouth harbour**

Mike picked us up at 13.00 so I had time to get myself organised before the car arrived. However, the driver phoned Mike at 14.30 to say that he was held up and wouldn't be with us until 16.00.

When the car arrived, there were lots of hugs and kisses before I was driven away.

The ride home took longer than anticipated because when we left Weymouth and joined the A350 (I think), we only went a short distance before we came across a police road block, owing to an earlier accident.

The police were diverting traffic down a long, narrow, country lane and we were nose-to-tail for well over forty minutes. Each time a car came along on the opposite side, I was sure someone was going to end up in the ditch but eventually we managed to join the A31. The rest of the journey was fine apart from heavy traffic on the M25, but that was no surprise.

I eventually arrived home at about 20.30, tired but very happy. I had had a lovely five days away being thoroughly spoiled and looked after. I am a very lucky lady, having such good and kind friends.

*Jean Reeve*

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## Wives' Fellowship Programme for Sep & Oct 2018

Date	Time	Meeting
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.30pm	'An Afternoon with Vera and Mel' ~ Vera Knapton has kindly invited us to her home at 21 St John's Road, Hadleigh where we will meet up again with her niece Mel, who is visiting from Australia.
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30pm	Illustrated talk - 'Seven Summits' by Mark Pinnock

Meetings are usually held in the Small Hall with refreshments served at the end.

Meeting fee £2.00 - first time free

Annual subscription - £3.00

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## Answer to Bible Incomplete puzzle

Psalm 40:1-3 (KJV)

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

## The Holy Habit of Eating Together

At the heart of our worship as the United Reformed Church there lies the commemoration or celebration of a meal. The words sometimes used as the invitation to join in sharing that meal, go like this:

*“Jesus was often a guest. He shared many meals with his friends, and they long remembered his words at the table. Though some disapproved of the company he kept, Jesus ate and drank with all kinds of people and showed everyone the love of God. Wherever people met together Jesus was glad to be welcomed and to be fed. Today, we are the guests of Jesus. He welcomes us, whoever we are and whatever we bring, and he will feed us at his table. Old or young, rich or poor, joyful or in sorrow, Jesus invites us to share bread and wine with him, to remember the story of his life and death, and to celebrate his presence with us today. On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with twelve of his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem...”*

And while generally we celebrate this meal with small pieces of bread and a little glass of wine the original setting for this meal within the early church would appear to have been a real meal, a proper dinner. For this reason the Corinthian church was criticised:

*“When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!” (1 Corinthians 11:20 -22)*

So I wonder... what kind of communion meals should we be having? What kind of sharing of food should be happening within our churches, or, dare I suggest, within our communities? There are many accounts within the gospels where Jesus and food go together. The feeding of the five thousand may be the most well-known. As part of the Walking the Way Holy Habits course, Eularia Clarke’s portrayal of this event is used. Eularia sets the feeding of the five thousand in modern dress and follows Matthew’s account in which women and children are present. The multitude has sat down in the grass, as Jesus requested, and is eating, not the fish and bread

referred to in the Bible but, as in so much of Clarke’s work, a twentieth Century equivalent – fish and chips. The scene is more reminiscent of a church picnic than the biblical miracle. Tea is brewing in the lower right corner, bicycles and footballs are discarded, children and babies are remarkably well behaved, some people doze, others pay attention to the priest or Jesus (whose head and shoulders are uncomfortably cut off by the edge of the painting). The artist said: “I daren’t paint Christ, I put in a pulpit, the priest is reading the notices before the sermon.”

Eularia was inspired to produce this picture when in this synod, while eating fish and chips at Canvey Island. Sharing food and drink together can so often be an opportunity for us to drop our guard, relax and be more honest and open with one another. It often provides the chance, whether at the meal table, in the kitchen preparing food beforehand, or after the meal doing the washing up, for talking about issues affecting our lives, for sharing deep concerns and, for prayer. What have I done to develop this holy habit? Well, for those who don’t know me that well, I do tend to like my food...that’s why I keep trying, and the word is trying, to diet...

However, one of the things that I have found in my ministry to date has been that **“when we have fed people they have come along to things, when they are fed up, they leave...”** In various places I have been involved in the starting up of Breakfast clubs, inviting single Dads to come along on the weekend that they have the children, to share in brunch together with toys and games, newspapers and an opportunity to talk about how bad the football team is doing or whatever it might be. Other churches run Community Cafes, cream teas, lunches, coffee mornings and Fair Trade wine tasting amongst others, which bring people along to share together with one another. Cafe Church, Messy Church, where a meal is usually shared, Alpha...

...in one church I was involved in the Family Worker there had the bright idea of holding a special Evening meal for about 100 mums who came along with their children normally to the Toddler group... complete with String Quartet playing as they arrived, a proper three course dinner with wine I think... and many of them dressed up special for the occasion... an opportunity for them to have some real ‘me time’.



There are numerous opportunities to engage with people through eating together. But eating together also provides an opportunity to be prophetic and challenge both our churches and our communities.

In another piece of artwork, 'The Fraudulent Lunch' by Vita Di Milano, a group of women are sitting and eating together their special diet of various kinds of fast food, being served by a male artist set against a background of wonderful farm fields and countryside. The picture makes many statements.

We too can make similar statements if we invite the homeless to eat with us, if we offer food at no cost to those who come, as I hope we offer too the gospel to those same people, if we begin to do as the prophet Isaiah encourages us to do, to fast in the right way:

*"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every*

*yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. "*

### Prayer

Jesus, your ways are not our ways, your thoughts are not our thoughts, but we pray that you would help us to line our thoughts up with your thoughts, and our ways with your ways so that we might become better disciples and bring glory to your name.

*Amen*

*Rev. Mark Meatcher*

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## Kangaroos

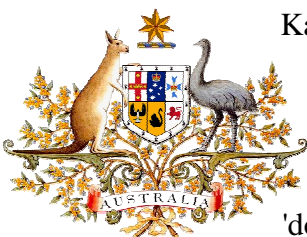


The word kangaroo derives from 'Gangurru', the name given to Eastern Grey Kangaroos (pictured left) by the Guuga Yimithirr people of Far North Queensland. Kangaroos are of cultural and spiritual significance to Aboriginal people across Australia. Their meat was, and continues to be, a staple protein source; pelts were used for clothing and rugs; and their skin crafted into water bags.

Kangaroos are the world's largest marsupials. A Red Kangaroo can weigh 90kg and can grow two metres tall. Black Wallaroos, at around 20kg, are the smallest species of the group (their name being a portmanteau of wallaby and kangaroo).

All kangaroos have short hair, powerful hind legs, small forelimbs, big feet and a long tail. They have excellent hearing and keen eyesight. Depending on the species, their fur coat can be red, grey or light to dark brown.

Kangaroos are famous for their means of locomotion: hopping! They can reach speeds of 60kph, clearing more than 8m with a single hop! Their muscular tail is used for balance when hopping, and as another limb when moving about. They also use their tail when swimming; they swim to avoid predators, and can use their forepaws to drown pursuers.



Kangaroos can't move backwards. It's for this reason that the Australian coat of arms features the emu and the kangaroo: two animals that can only move forwards as symbols of national progress.

Kangaroos are famous for their forward-opening pouch, where the joey (baby kangaroo) develops and suckles. A female kangaroo is known as a 'flyer' or a 'doe' and a male kangaroo a 'buck' or a 'boomer' (hence the nickname of the Australian men's basketball team, the Boomers). They live in social groups called mobs.

Source: <https://www.bushheritage.org.au>

# Dr Jennifer Brown's Graduation Ceremony

Long-term readers of the Hadleigh Messenger may remember three articles that I wrote in 2015 about our daughter Jennifer's trip to Signy Island in Antarctica. The trip was part of her PhD studies with the British Antarctic Survey at Cambridge University, researching the use of Remote Sensing via satellite images to monitor penguin colonies in remote areas of Antarctica.

Fast forward around three and a half years and the day finally dawned, on Saturday 21st July 2018, for Jennifer to attend a graduation ceremony to receive her doctorate. Because the ceremony started early, Malcolm and I travelled up to Cambridge on the Friday evening and stayed overnight. Three guests could be invited, so we were both able to go along with Jennifer's boyfriend Gareth.

Between 7.30am and 8.00am on the Saturday morning, Jennifer had to be at the Jane Harrison Room in Pielle Hall, at Newnham College. She was to collect tickets for us to attend the ceremony in Senate House and separate tickets for our lunch in Newnham College. The Graduands also had their attire checked and hoods fixed in place, so that they were correctly dressed for the ceremony.

At 8.15am, the Dress Rehearsal took place in the Jane Harrison Room, and family members were able to stand at the back of the room to watch this.



**The Dress Rehearsal**

The Graduands were placed in the correct order, six abreast, to form a group behind the various officials. They were taught how they would collect the degree and how to kneel in front of the Vice Chancellor.

Family members were then sent out of the room to make their way down to the Pfeiffer Archway by Old Hall, from where the Graduands would start their walk to the Senate House, in the centre of Cambridge.

At 9.15am, the Graduands arrived at the archway and many cameras clicked away as they passed by. Fortunately for us, Jennifer was at the front.



**Processing along Newnham Walk**

All the family members then walked behind the Graduands down Newnham Walk, Sidgewick Avenue and through the gate of Kings College grounds. We walked through the gardens with a wonderful view of King's College and its beautiful chapel, and the River Cam. We eventually left the grounds through the main gate and walked along Kings Parade to Senate House.

The Graduands walked along the road to the front doors of Senate House whilst guests walked through a side gate into the grounds and entered the building through the side door, where appropriate checks of tickets and bags were made. The guests were then seated on benches either side of Senate House, or up in the balcony on all three sides. The benches are tiered so everyone has a view of the proceedings.

Once all the guests were seated the large front doors of Senate House were opened and the congregation were asked to stand – which was a bit tricky, as the benches were very narrow and we were tightly packed along the benches, there was no room for large bags or belongings! The Vice Chancellor, Esquire Bedells followed by the Graduands processed into the main hall and, once the Vice Chancellor had taken her seat, we were able to sit down. The Graduands continued to stand and wait for their moment.

The whole ceremony took place in Latin and the University officers remained standing. Although we had already witnessed three ceremonies when Michael, Andrew and Jennifer received their first degrees, it continues to be a wonderful piece of theatre. The ceremony started with an introduction in Latin where the Praelectors present the body of students to the Vice

Chancellor. It involved a lot of removal of hats and bowing to each other to begin the ceremony and the whole event was carried out without any microphones.

The Graduands were called forward in groups of up to four, when the Praelector presented the Graduands as worthy of receiving their degree. He held the candidates by the right hand and they put out their right hands onto his.

The Bedell then called out each Graduands name and they went forward in turn and kneeled in front of the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor held her hands around the Graduands hands (which were held in a prayer-like manner) and then speaking in Latin, the Vice Chancellor admitted the student to the degree using the Trinitarian Formula: 'In the name of the Father, and of the the son, and of the Holy Spirit'



**Jennifer becomes a Doctor of Philosophy**

The kneeling and the Trinitarian Formula may be omitted at a Graduand's request, if for instance, the Graduand is of another religion, but at this ceremony, only a couple of Graduands had requested to do this. After this process, the new Graduate stood and bowed and collected their degree from another official and left the room. All the graduates gathered outside in the grounds until the whole ceremony was completed.

Meanwhile all the guests continued to smile and look interested as each Graduand received their degree. This was important because a photograph of each Graduand was taken whilst they knelt before the Vice Chancellor, and some of the guests were photographed in the background. It can be quite tricky for the candidate to stand up again whilst wearing a gown and the Praelector often had to lift the gown from being entangled in a heel! One gentleman nearly fell at this part of the ceremony, he felt really embarrassed when we met him later.

Once the whole ceremony was completed we slowly made our way out into the Senate grounds

where we were reunited with Jennifer. The photos of the ceremony are produced quickly and we were able to buy the photo after the ceremony in a marquee in the grounds. There was also a marquee where the degree certificate can be framed and many Graduates took this opportunity. Everyone takes photos in these grounds before making their way back to their College for lunch. It is not long before Graduands for the next ceremony start to arrive. In Jennifer's case the ceremony covered Graduands from Newnham College and Selwyn College.



**Jennifer with certificate**

After walking back to Newnham College we were able to enjoy a wonderful buffet lunch, which included Newnham's own elderberry wine. This took place in the beautiful Clough Dining Hall, used for the special Hall Dinners and other special events. It has a beautiful decorated plaster ceiling, a small wooden Gallery and a marvellous leaded bay window which overlooks the gardens.

The weather was glorious all day and we were able to spend a few hours enjoying the grounds and gardens. Over the time that Jennifer spent at Newnham for her first Bachelor's degree she had lived at Old Hall, Pielle, and Strachey. She also spent some time in Strachey when she first started her Doctorate.

It was interesting to see the new building which is being built to replace Strachey – a modern concrete building that had structural issues. The new building is more sympathetic to the architecture of the old buildings, built in brick and more in keeping with them, with windows in a similar design which reflect the late Victorian buildings of the College.

The graduation day marked the end of an era for Jennifer; the culmination of years of effort (and expense!) However, although she may have ended her studies at Cambridge University, Jennifer is still there but now gainfully employed in the IT department!

*Heather Brown*



## Sylvia Patten (1930 – 2018)



After several years of declining health, Sylvia passed away peacefully at home on 26<sup>th</sup> July. A committal service was held at Pitsea Crematorium at 12 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> August. This was followed at 1.00pm by a Service of Thanksgiving at Hadleigh United Reformed Church. Both services were led by Rev. Dave Pickett, from Thundersley Congregational Church.

Sylvia was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1930 to Walter and Rose Turner, who then lived at 26 North Avenue, Southend. In September 1931, the family moved to a brand-new council house at 41 Kent Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea. During WW2, Sylvia was evacuated to a farm in Derbyshire and maintained a fond affection for that county and Derby County football team late into her life.

Sylvia attended Westcliff High School for Girls and then Southend College. As a young girl, she enjoyed going on bicycle rides throughout Essex with friends.

Sylvia and her husband, Roy, became well-known in Hadleigh as a result of Patten's jewellery shop. The business was established by Roy's father E.M. Patten in Westcliff in the 1932. In 1940, the creation of a Coastal Defence Zone meant that Roy's father had to move the shop and he opened up in Hadleigh, on the Kingsway (now London Road). Roy joined his father working in the shop. When he was called up in 1943 Roy served in the RAF. After being demobbed in 1947, Roy settled back into running the jeweller's shop and began attending the Hadleigh Forum Fellowship.

The 'Forum' had been formed in the early 1940s by members of Hadleigh Congregational Church's Youth Fellowship who were unhappy about being refused permission to stage a pantomime in the church. The fellowship originally met in Tunis Hall, a former gymnasium, in the High Street (in the grounds of St. Thomas More Church). Recreational meetings were held with drama, music and singing, table tennis, games etc., and a Sunday service. One of the members kindly purchased a nearby plot of land and, by 1954, The Forum had raised enough money to build their own hall on the plot. The Forum Hall was dedicated in July 1956. (It is now used by Western Dance Centre.)

Sylvia and Roy met through the Forum and were married at our church on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1951. They both played table tennis for the Forum, which, at its height, ran ten league teams, with matches played every night of the week. The Forum Hall was not big enough so matches were also played at John Burrows Hall and also, for a short time, in our Small Hall. Roy and Sylvia were very involved with the running of the table tennis and Roy was Secretary of the Forum for several years.

Roy and Sylvia lived initially in Fairlight Road, Hadleigh. Their first daughter, Rosemary, was born in 1956 and was baptised in the Forum Hall. Soon after, the family moved a short distance to a bungalow in Tylewood, which Roy and Sylvia were to occupy for the rest of their lives. Their second daughter, Brenda, was born in 1961.

One of Roy's sporting passions was playing cricket for Paragon Cricket Club, based at John Burrows Recreation Ground. This was a family activity as Sylvia would help make the teas and the girls would do the scoring. Sylvia would also attend Chamber of Trade events with Roy, as he was Secretary of that organisation for twenty-six years.

When the two girls were grown up, their pram was used to move stock when the jewellery shop moved a short distance east from the original site to 223 London Road (until recently, occupied by the Cameo ladies fashion shop). Sylvia served in the shop whilst Roy repaired watches in the workshop. Roy carried on working at the shop until the mid-1990s but Rosemary and her husband, Tony, ran the shop from 1992 until it was closed in 2000. Tony, who started repairing clocks for Roy from the late 1980s, continues to do so under the Patten name, from a workshop at their home.

Roy and Sylvia attended our church for a considerable number of years before eventually becoming Church Members in 1971, the year before the church became Hadleigh United Reformed Church. Eventually, they both also became Church Elders, with Sylvia serving as Treasurer for around ten years, which included the period when the foyer and new kitchen were built.

For several years from the late 1970s, Sylvia was a member of a church sewing group and used her talents to make items that were sold to raise money for overseas charities. Later, Sylvia collected aluminium foil to raise money for charity and continued to do so until 2012, when the introduction of council recycling reduced the amount donated. Sylvia was also a long-term member of the Wives' Fellowship (with Roy) and was Treasurer for several years up to 2007.

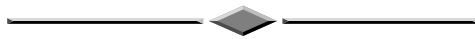
Many will be aware that Sylvia was a prolific knitter. Over the years she knitted hundreds of hats for the Mission to Seafarers (to give to foreign sailors) and clothes for babies born prematurely at Southend Hospital.

Sylvia cared for Roy in his later years as he became increasingly deaf and developed dementia. After his death in 2012, Sylvia was looking forward to socialising more but the long-term effects of diabetes had affected the circulation in her legs. Sadly, her right leg was amputated above the knee in February 2015 after which time she lived at home with a live-in carer. The photo above was taken in August 2015 on possibly Sylvia's last social outing – to a garden party at the home of Mike and Margaret Tanner in Lynton Road, which was near enough for Sylvia to be taken in a wheelchair. Further complications resulted in the loss of her left leg below the knee in June 2016.

At this point, Sylvia became effectively bed-bound but, up until the last few months when she became tired and confused, she was able to knit, read library books, do puzzle books and observe the wildlife in her back garden. She also enjoyed watching snooker and tennis on TV. The arrangement whereby Sylvia was cared for at home by live-in carers worked well. Two of the carers, Brenda and Jo, looked after Sylvia for long periods and she received devoted care from them. It was Jo who was with Sylvia when she passed away whilst sleeping.

*We ask God to uphold Brenda and Rosemary and the rest of the family as they come to terms with the loss of Sylvia. We give thanks to God for Sylvia's life, for the love and devotion shown in her role of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and the brave way in which she coped with the severe effects of diabetes. We remember her caring, Christian manner and give thanks for her service to our church. May she rest in eternal peace, reunited with Roy.*

*Malcolm Brown*



## Defibrillator at Hadleigh Methodist Church



**Jacqui Draysey, Margaret & Mike Tanner, Claire Gunn, Ron Hurrell, Maureen Lennard-Brown, Angie Dewberry, Dawn Salter, Roger Kingston, Charlie Barrow**

Our friends at Hadleigh Methodist Church in Chapel Lane have installed a public-access defibrillator on the wall near the entrance to their main church hall. It has taken nearly two years of planning and organising by a team led by Mike Tanner and Claire Gunn.

Defibrillators can be used to restart a person's heart if it stops, for example, after a heart attack. Anyone who needs to use it can dial 999 and they will be given a code to open the case to access the defibrillator.

The device is easy to use and will not work if it detects a heartbeat so they are safe to use. Clear instructions are

provided so anyone can use the defibrillator in an emergency.

*Malcolm Brown*



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## Family News

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### Sylvia Patten

After several years of declining health, Sylvia passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July. A Service of Thanksgiving was held at the church on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, a recording of which is available from the Editor. An obituary for Sylvia appears elsewhere in the magazine.

### Ray Wellings

It is sad to report that Ray passed away on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at Ailsa House care home in Westcliff-on-Sea. Ray's health had declined considerably over recent months and breathing problems had led to several spells in hospital of varying duration. Ailsa House has been home to Ray and his wife Barbara for over a year now and they had recently sold their house in Daws Heath.

*We send our love and sincere condolences to Barbara and pray that God's loving arms will comfort her in the days ahead.*

### Margaret Irribarren

As reported in the July/Aug magazine, Margaret passed away unexpectedly in hospital on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Her funeral was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Seven Hills Crematorium, at Nacton in Suffolk. The Editor accompanied Kay Watson and Doreen Churchill to the funeral. An obituary for Margaret appears elsewhere in the magazine.

### Keith & June Gargrave - 65 years together

The delay in publishing the September magazine allows your Editor to include a photo of Keith and June taken on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, the day of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (apparently known as a blue sapphire anniversary).

They had a quiet day at home on their anniversary but had been able to venture into Hadleigh on the Monday when they had lunch at Yemek café before dropping in on the Smart Minds dementia group held in the Small Hall on Monday afternoons.



*We send our fond love to Keith and June and our congratulations on reaching another milestone in life.*

### Olive Kemp

Olive, widow of our former minister, Rev. Norman Kemp, has moved home from Okehampton to a care home in Northampton, near to her daughter Marion. Olive continues to receive news of Hadleigh via the magazine and we send our love and best wishes with this edition.

*We pray that Olive will soon settle into her new home and enjoy life there.*

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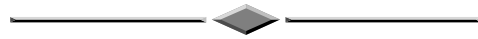
## Our new Moderators of General Assembly

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the United Reformed Church inducted two new moderators of the General Assembly – Rev. Nigel Uden and Mr Derek Estill – as its denominational figureheads on the opening day of Assembly. Mr Uden, Minister of Fulbourn URC and Downing Place URC, in Cambridge, and Mr Estill, church secretary and elder of Westbury Gardens URC, Blackburn, will represent the denomination. Both men will continue to fulfil their existing roles alongside their General Assembly moderatorial duties.

### A welcome from Derek and Nigel

Derek Estill and Nigel Uden have admired the blogging of moderators who have gone before them, and hope to be able to follow in their stead in this, as in many other things. For now, we send our greetings in the name of Christ to all blog readers, and say thank you to Alan and Kevin for their dedicated and valued ministry as General Assembly Moderators.

*Derek and Nigel*



### From the (new) Moderator's Blog - 'Holiday prayer'

I wish I prayed more. And I am glad that holiday can be an opportunity to do so.

This year – as so often – the family's summer break took us to Northumberland. Atop a rock on Bamburgh's beach I was caught up in a silence that was broken only by soaring gulls, crashing waves and children playing in the distance. And gradually it became prayerful – not because I was saying anything, but perhaps precisely because I wasn't. A question visited me in that noisy silence, 'what does it mean to be a Christian today?'

As that swirled around my mind and through my tousled locks, I was peering up the coast, barely looking at anything. Gradually Holy Island came into focus, though far off in the distance. I recalled the haunting sound of the seals that are sometimes so close to the shore there.

My mind turned to St Aidan with the ancient abbey community, and then to the URC's contemporary Mission Project, the St Cuthbert's Centre, which this summer hosted a fascinating exhibition of work by Lindisfarne Scriptorium's Mary Fleeson – Quiet in the Midst. And a wordless prayer formed; it was as if I was being reminded that to be a Christian today is as it always has been, to make space for God in our lives. We might do it by stirring worship or by absorbing reading, but that day I was inadvertently doing it in the silence. All I could murmur was that ancient Irish poem, 'Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.' It was ever so peaceful, and I was grateful for the oasis that the holiday was bringing, for, in truth, it had been a

demanding few weeks and gradually I was sensing refreshment.

Even as I was basking in the idyll, welded to the same rock, my eyes turned south, and there were the Farne Islands and their Longstone Lighthouse.

Still my thoughts ranged far and wide, until the story of Grace Darling came to mind. In 1838, when 22 years of age, she was crucial to rescuing some people shipwrecked during a storm so severe that neither the Seahouses nor the Bamburgh lifeboats could put to sea. From their home at the lighthouse, Mary and her father risked all and in two trips in a small fishing boat rescued a dozen victims who otherwise would have perished. She believed it was God who gave her the strength for such selfless action. As I rehearsed the well-known tale, Derek Estill's Moderatorial Address came to mind. Grace Darling was a fine example of 'faith in action'. Seeing others in need she felt compelled to respond.

And there was the other half of my question's answer: the Christian life today is about making space for God and for one another. That is what it always has been, and always will be. It seemed so simple, yet that was what the beach-bound prayer time said to me. And as I protested that I wanted something more sophisticated, the gulls squawked and the waves persisted their simple refrain, 'Love God with all you are, and love your neighbour as yourself.' And I gave in, gratefully.

*Nigel Uden*

Posted on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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## Computer Corner

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### BBC website - What does that funny squiggle mean?

#### Interesting videos

This is a wonderful series of short videos explaining the origin of some well-known symbols or glyphs used in modern communication. The videos cover symbols such as the ampersand (&), the hashtag (#) and the peace symbol.

URL: <https://www.bbc.com/ideas/playlists/glyphs-what-does-that-funny-squiggle-mean>

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### Brainwaves – Series 2, Episode 5

#### Interesting radio programme

Professor June Andrews, head of Stirling University's Dementia Services Development Centre, talks to presenter Pennie Latin about her career in nursing, what has kept her so deeply interested in geriatric care and why we should all be more open to talk about death and dying.

The programme also includes a very interesting, and possibly useful section on how good lighting is just as effective as medication when it comes to treating dementia. Professor Andrews explains why she herself doesn't fear the condition.

URL: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b051241w>

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### JPEG Lossless Rotator

#### Useful free software

When taking photos, the camera may be held in different orientations, which sometimes makes it necessary to rotate a photo in order to display it correctly on screen. When rotating a JPEG photo, most image editors decode the photo, rotate the bitmap and then re-encode it back to JPEG. This process decreases the final image quality. Unlike those tools, JPEG Lossless Rotator does not recode the images and performs a special lossless block transformation instead, which helps to preserve the quality of the images.

Download from: <http://annystudio.com/software/jpeglosslessrotator>

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## Word Search – Words found in John Keat's poem 'To Autumn'

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Words may appear in any direction including diagonally, back to front and upside down.

## CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am - 10.00am	Men's Breakfast Meeting
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Service – Mr Roger Brett Evening Service with Holy Communion – Mrs Heather Brown
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies Recreation Group
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	No session - cancelled	Alphabet Club for Parents/Carers & Tots
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Service – Mr Adrian Tinning
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies Recreation Group
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - 11.00am 2.30pm	Alphabet Club for Parents/Carers & Tots Wives' Fellowship – An Afternoon with Vera and Mel to be held at 32 St John's Road, Hadleigh.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	ELDERS' MEETING
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Service with Holy Communion – Mr Robert Dart
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies Recreation Group
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - 11.00am	Alphabet Club for Parents/Carers & Tots
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am - 12 noon 12.30pm	Coffee Morning with bric-a-brac table for Christian Aid CHURCH MEETING
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Morning Service – Rev. Jack Roche MA
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies Recreation Group
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - 11.00am	Alphabet Club for Parents/Carers & Tots
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am - 12 noon	Midweek Service – Rev. Jack Roche MA
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Service – Mr John Amos

### Harvest Festival – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018



Our Harvest Festival weekend begins with a Harvest Supper in the Small Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm. Food will be provided but there will be a retiring offertory to cover costs and to hopefully leave a surplus for a nominated charity.

A list for names of those intending to come will be placed on the church noticeboard in advance. After the supper there will be entertainment in the church.

Our Harvest Festival service will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September and will be led by Mr John Amos. Family and friends are very welcome to join us for the supper and the service.

Donations of food items, either fresh or preserved (dried, tinned etc.), may be brought to the Harvest Supper or to the service. Fresh items will be donated to Little Havens Hospice in Daws Heath and preserved items will be included in the October collection of items for HopeWorx.

*Malcolm Brown*