



# Central Suffolk Area Partnership

News, Events, Awareness  
and Reflection

**August to October 2009**

## Church websites:

Hadleigh with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield:

[www.hadleighurc.org.uk](http://www.hadleighurc.org.uk)

Christchurch, Needham Market - mentioned on both:

[www.ukchurch.org](http://www.ukchurch.org) and [www.eamethodist.org.uk](http://www.eamethodist.org.uk)

Stowmarket with Haughley, Mendlesham and Stowupland:

[www.stowmarket-urc.org.uk](http://www.stowmarket-urc.org.uk)

topical issues always available on the URC website: [www.urc.org.uk](http://www.urc.org.uk)

Details of Eastern Synod news and documents for download

can be found at: [www.urc-eastern.org.uk](http://www.urc-eastern.org.uk),

including **Vision4Life**

*The Bible is the theme for the first year of Vision4Life*

*Prayer Year will begin in Advent 2009*

## ***Pastoral items***

The Induction of the Revd Jim Dalgleish to Christchurch, Needham Market, on 31<sup>st</sup> May was a wonderful occasion. It was good to see the churches in the Area Partnership well represented as we were able to share in the celebration of welcome to a minister new to this church, and there was something wonderful about knowing Jim well as we did so! We continue to think of Jim and of the congregation at Christchurch as they work together with Stephen Yelland to offer ministry within that community and of Hadleigh with Monks Eleigh and Whatfield as all take each other in to consideration. We also continue to think of Debenham, Mendlesham, Stowmarket and Stowupland in vacancy and of Steve Campbell's Interim Ministry with them.

If the October Synod Meeting agrees, Linda Harrison will be moving on to replace Mick Barnes as Synod Clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009. The Moderator will bring a name to the Area Partnership for consideration.

This quarter takes in Harvest, when we think particularly of the impact of harvest within the rural communities in our Area Partnership, but also of the work that each of us undertakes and all that we do. This year, more than ever, we think of all those affected by the economic downturn and all the implications that has on each of us and within our local communities. We continue our watchful concern of those within each of our congregations, supporting them with prayer and visiting, thinking of those who undertake any form of responsibility and ministry; those who are sick, preparing for or recovering from surgery or undergoing treatment; those who face difficult decisions or other stressful situations; but we also think of those who are celebrating for whatever reason and those who have found new beginnings at this time. We think of our wider communities, seeking the guidance to know when to act and being mindful of us all, allowing us to truly support one another. We look for all that offers positive hope in our congregations and communities that we can share and take forward with the ministry that we have with us now and that will encourage those who seek to find whether this is the place to which they are called to minister in the future. We also give thanks for all those Lay Preachers who support our churches by leading our worship, whether frequently or infrequently.

## ***Mission projects***

**Hadleigh** -19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August Children's Holiday Club

Please think of and pray for the ongoing ecumenical project with the Parish Church at the cotTage in **Needham Market**, a place to call in on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10am and noon, to spend time among others and share news and views over a cup of tea.

Churches Together in **Hadleigh** hope to become a training placement for a Youthworker from September

Coffee mornings on the last Friday of each month at **Stowupland Chapel** – 10 am to 12 noon – please come and join us for a coffee and a chat.

Wednesday morning discussion and prayer meetings at **Debenham** – 10.30 am to 12 noon – with refreshments – begin again on **9<sup>th</sup> September**.

Thursday morning at **Debenham** – 10 am to 11.30 am – open church, refreshments and chat – begin again on **3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

Women's Fellowship Meetings fortnightly at **Debenham** – 2.15 pm on Thursdays.

MURCies Coffee Bar at **Mendelsham** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from 10 am until noon - all welcome

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## ***Projects affecting our premises***

**Debenham** – replacement windows to the Manse.

**Hadleigh** – continuing plans for the church and Ansell Centre at the heart of the community are ongoing.

**Stowmarket** - on-going discussions with MSDC and developers regarding possible relocation of the church under the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order.

## Ongoing projects

**Needham Market** – the Pastoral Team seek strength and guidance through our prayers for the ministry undertaken.

**Debenham, Mendlesham, Stowmarket and Stowupland** – Stipendiary Ministry vacancy.

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**AREA PARTNERSHIP BRING AND SHARE** – following our meeting in Hadleigh on 20<sup>th</sup> June, where a good representation from our churches learnt more of four of our churches and had the opportunity to share food and fellowship together, we now look forward to the next event on **1<sup>st</sup> November** – ***please put the date in your diaries!*** Thanks to Hadleigh for hosting the event in June, and to Hadleigh with Monks Eleigh & Whatfield and Christchurch, Needham Market, for sharing something of their life and vision with us. We look forward to sharing with Debenham, Mendlesham, Stowmarket and Stowupland in November.

Thanks also go to Stowmarket URC for hosting the Synod Church in Society 'Justice Matters Day' on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Along with an excellent lunch prepared and served by the superb team at the church, the day was full of encouragement to continue to do all that we can to ensure that justice does matter in our local communities and more widely. The speakers and workshops raised awareness and inspired those who attended to really make a difference. If you were unable to attend this event, make sure you put the next in your diaries as soon as it is announced. Definitely not to be missed.



## Services and Events – August, September & October

Regular morning worship at **Debenham** is at 10.45 am.

Regular morning worship at **Stowupland** is at 10.30 am.

16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Hadleigh – 6.30 pm – Songs of Praise
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Stowmarket - Morning service to include feedback on recent twinning visit to Pirmasens, Germany
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Hadleigh – Renewal of Promises
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Suffolk Historic Churches Trust cycle ride – Stowmarket (and others) will be taking part
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Needham Market – ‘Come back to Church Sunday’, including Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch.
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Hadleigh – Moderator of General Assembly leading morning worship
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Debenham – 6 for 6.30 pm – Harvest Supper
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stowmarket – Harvest Supper
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Debenham – 10.45 am – Harvest Thanksgiving Service, led by the Synod Moderator, Revd Paul Whittle
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Hadleigh – Harvest Festival
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stowmarket – Harvest Festival
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Needham Market – 'Sweet Pipes' - a quintet of recorder players holding a concert in Christchurch, fundraising for the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution)
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mendlesham – 10.45 am – conducted by Keith Scarff – and united evening service 6.30 pm – Fr Philip Gray
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Stowupland – Harvest Festival – a united service with Holy Trinity, with speaker Clive Herrod
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Stowmarket – Pudding Evening at 7.30 pm
<i>Early warning for November:</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Area Partnership Bring and Share
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Debenham – 6.30 pm - Songs of Praise with the Kemp Family for work in Romania