

# Hadleigh Community Harvest Festival

An invitation to you...

**Please join us on Sunday 12th September 2021  
for the Hadleigh Community Harvest Festival  
led by The Salvation Army, Hadleigh Temple Corps**

- Hosted at Hadleigh Old Fire Station "Parade Ground"
- Service commences at 10.30am finish at 11.15am
- Favourite Harvest Hymns led by a Brass Band with Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Harvest
- Refreshments of Tea, Coffee, Cake & Biscuits will be available afterwards. Your donations requested in aid of The Falconer Trust\* Children's Home & Orphanage in Zambia [\*see overleaf]
- Your gifts of tinned food, pasta, pulses, flour, rice, dried fruit and fresh vegetables will be gratefully received and will be donated to the Hadleigh Salvation Army Food Bank for relief within the Castle Point community
- **HOFS will remain open until 4pm for a Community Day**
- Free parking nearby (strictly no parking on site)
- **NOTE:** In the case of inclement weather, the Harvest Festival service will relocate to the Hadleigh SA Temple

The Hadleigh  
& Thundersley  
COMMUNITY ARCHIVE



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**The Falconer Children's Home and Orphanage** was established in 1947 by Nurse Lilius Falconer in Kabulamema, a remote part of the North Western province of Zambia.



**Lilius Falconer** was born in Manchester on the 15th July 1915. At the age of 15 she was telling her family of the call on her life to go to Africa "to look after babies and children". In order to fulfil her vision Miss Falconer applied to medical agencies for the opportunity to train as a nurse. At first all of her applications were refused. When in 1939 World War 2 came she was accepted into nursing training by the Salvation Army and after a

course in tropical medicine sailed for Africa with another lady missionary on board a troop ship in 1946, commencing her nursing career in a leper hospital in Chitokoloki Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) later that year. There she saw the plight of little babies left to die when their mothers died in childbirth. After agreeing to care for one such child, five more were quickly brought to her and with her six babies Lilius left Chitokoloki and on her own went further into the bush where she established her Children's Home and Orphanage in the small village of Kabulamema in 1947.

Miss Falconer, 'Mama' to her family, died on 6th June 1998. She only came back to the UK once in the years that she lived at Kabulamema, that was in 1952. During those years at Kabulamema she saved over 600 babies – that is an average of one a month for fifty years.

Miss Falconer's wish that her work would be carried on by her children. When 'Mama' was called to her rest, some were already trained, willing and able to continue the mission.

Today the general administration of the Home is carried out by Simon Samutala who came to the Home as a babe just two days old. Now in his sixties he oversees the needs of an ever increasing family. Miriam Mulyata, now in her thirties, came at seven days old. After completing her education and two years nursing training she is now in charge of the family's welfare and with a staff of 25 cares for over 100 children.

Today a verse from the Bible is still on the welcome sign in front of the Home – "Who so shall receive one such little child in My name, receives Me". No child was ever refused admission to the Home, and although many arrived sick, undernourished and sometimes on the verge of death, Miss Falconer's nursing skills saw many of them reared to adulthood.

Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, Zambia's first president awarded Miss Falconer 'The Order of Distinguished Service' in his Honours List in 1969 and In 1984 Queen Elizabeth II granted her the MBE.

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