

GOD LOVES YOU!



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The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

Prayer Chain: If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email kathy.cohen@btinternet.com (or phone 01440 762536) and your message will be forwarded to all those on the prayer email list (about 150 people).

Prayer Ministry: This is available after morning service each Sunday. Please approach someone wearing a lime green lanyard which has the words Prayer Ministry Team printed on it.

Please remember our Churches Together online Prayer Wall [here](#).

Hearing Loop: We have a hearing loop, switch your hearing aid to the T position if available.

Mobile Phones: Please make sure your phone is off or set to silent before the service begins.

- **Pentecost Prayer for Haverhill**

On Saturday 18th May a group from Haverhill Churches Together will be on the market square. They will be sharing chocolate and conversation with people on the street.

We plan to open our Church from 9.30 until 12 noon and invite you to join us in prayer support for this event.

We will have prayer suggestions for guidance and members of the prayer team available to pray with you if you wish.

In the evening the River of Life Church are hosting a time of prayer for Haverhill at the Chalkstone Community centre from 7pm until 9pm. All are welcome to either or both events.

God has promised revival in Haverhill when we come together to pray.
“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all of your heart.”
Jer. C29 verse 12.

See also this video:  [Pentecost v06 1.mp4](#)

- Circuit/Church Council

The next meeting for Circuit/Church Council members is on Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm in the church hall.

- Bring & Share Lunch

The next Bring & Share Lunch will be held on Sunday 2nd June following the morning service.

This is an opportunity to bring along some food (mains/pudding) to share with others.

If bringing hot food, this will need to be cooked prior to bringing along - we can reheat food if needed. We will also need you to provide a list of all ingredients to assist anyone with food allergies/intolerances.

It does not need to be homemade, shop bought food is welcome too.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible. Let's all enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Any questions then please do ask me.

Thanks

Susan

- Worship at the Meadows care home

The next date booked for worship at the Meadows is 23rd June, @ 3pm.
If you would like to go along and support this work please speak to Alan Carney.

- Mission Boxes

May I please have all Mission in Britain boxes and Overseas Mission boxes in for opening as soon as possible. I am asking for them earlier this year as Lloyds Bank is planning to close its doors in June and after that it will not be possible to bank small amounts of coin.

Hopefully we shall be discussing this at the Church Council meeting at the end of May and we can look at alternative ways of supporting this work.

Thankyou

Kay

- Safeguarding Training online

Please see the link below if you have not completed the safeguarding foundation course recently.

This is a free evening on line course and is essential if you are helping in Sunday Club or visiting members of the congregation as a pastoral friend, but it's open to all.

If you have any questions or queries please contact me



**CREATING SAFER SPACE
FOUNDATION MODULE**

(Modified 2022)

Safeguarding Training

Foundation Module 2020 Online Monday 20th May 2024 at 7pm

eventbrite.co.uk

Gill

- Festival Pastors are seeking Christian Volunteers at Latitude 2024



You may already be aware of Town Pastors who operate in towns across Suffolk and Norfolk, but have you heard of Festival Pastors?

Since 2011, a team of Town Pastors exchange their bright yellow jackets for bright pink hi-viz to volunteer at Latitude as Festival Pastors. The ministry is growing – 2023 was our busiest year so far! For 2024 we are therefore

looking to expand our team by having more Christian volunteers to support our day patrols.

- *What would you be doing?*

As a volunteer you would be paired with a fully trained and experienced Town Pastor. Patrolling the site from 9am - 6pm daily, in mixed sex pairs for no more than 3 hours at a time. You would be helping to provide a positive, reassuring presence, being available to engage with people, listen, chat and offer support and help where you are needed and give out our renowned Freddo's and Love Hearts. You may also get to spend time in the prayer marquee with our support team.

In our prayer space, as well as offering a safe place for visitors, we have Chaplaincy Lowestoft with us who support with activities in the front of house. They will have a menu for visitors to choose from, including prayer, glitter blessings, face painting, hand massages and will also have some live art creation. This was a great addition to our space at Latitude last year and we are excited they will be joining us again for 2024.

- *When would it be?*

Latitude runs from Thursday 25th July to Sunday 28th July 2024. We would love for people to join us for some or indeed all the festival if available to do so. It is an excellent opportunity to serve and meet up with other Christians across East Anglia, and even see some of the acts performing! Camping onsite is available from Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th July, acts are free to attend outside of volunteering hours, and an optional daily meal ticket is available.

There is always a great atmosphere, the team enjoy fellowship and fun, and together make a real difference by being there and are really appreciated by Latitude organisers, Festival Republic.

- *How can you volunteer?*

If you would like to support us and are over 18, a regular church goer with an appropriate referee and willing and able to cover lots of ground on patrol, please do get in touch with Clare Peverley in the first instance to register your interest at coordinator@felixstowetownpastors.org.uk. You would need to be willing to have a DBS check, and be able to attend our training day in Suffolk on Saturday the 29th June.

Latitude headliners this year include Kasabian, London Grammar, Keane, Duran Duran and many others, so a busy year in store with around 40k

attendees expected. Artists and performers attending this year can be found at [Latitude Festival | Line Up](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Every Blessing,
Rev. Peter Livey
Communications Director



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- House Groups

Several of our house groups are now full but there are still spaces in two:
David Frost – First Thursday of the month at 3.30pm
and

Dot & Tom Parker – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 2.30pm

Please speak to Heather or to the group host if you are interested in going along or just want to know more.

- The Role of Pastoral Friend at Haverhill Methodist Church

1. To offer friendship, caring support and encouragement particularly in times of special need.
2. To keep in contact with those you are a pastoral friend to. This contact may happen through Sunday worship, home visits, telephone conversations, email or text or letters/cards.
3. To pray for and perhaps with those you are a pastoral friend to.
4. To make available our weekly Connect to those unable to access it.
5. To distribute the annual Methodist Church Membership Tickets and Adherent Tickets.
6. As appropriate, to inform the Pastoral Secretary and Church Minister of any serious illness, hospitalisation or if back up support is needed.
7. To inform the Safeguarding Officer of any concerns
8. To inform the Pastoral Secretary and Communication Team Leader of any changes in their contact details.
9. To attend Pastoral Meeting.

If you are interested in this Role please speak to Janet Etheridge

- Weekly Offering & Gift Aid

We do not ask visitors for money, however should you wish to give there is an offering bowl just inside the main doors to the church at each service. If you wish to give by standing order/onlinebanking, please ask the duty steward (wearing a purple lanyard) for details of the appropriate church bank account. (This type of payment helps us avoid banking costs incurred by paying in cash/cheques.)

If you pay income tax you can fill in a form which allows the church to claim back 25p for every £1 at no cost to yourself. These forms are available from the duty steward on a Sunday morning.

The amount claimed back in recent years has approached £10,000 pa and has often prevented expenditure exceeding income in the annual accounts.

- Advance Notice

Music Exams will be taking place in the church, coffee lounge and vestry on June 27th & 28th. Please do not enter these areas and be mindful of noise around the site.

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com

- Dates for your Diary

May		
17 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
18 th	9.30am -12 & 7-9pm	Pentecost Prayer for Haverhill at HMC + HDCT on Market; Evening Prayer event at Chalkstone Centre
19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows – Holy Communion – Pentecost Flowers: Gill Wadeson Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
21 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
22 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7pm	Circuit/Church Council Meeting in the Church Hall
24 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Hilary Curtis Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
29 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
31 st	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
June		
2 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade - All Age Worship Flowers: Sue & Stephen Symonds Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
4 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
5 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
7 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
9 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Denny Letcher Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
11 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
12 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
14 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
16 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows – Holy Communion Flowers: Angela Proctor Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
18 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
19 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
21 st	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
23 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Ken Nicholls Flowers: Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge