

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June, @ 3pm. If you would like to go along and support this work please speak to Alan Carney.

- 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 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

- Prayer Diary

Apart from the Sunday services here are some other dates to pray for:

June

2 All Age Worship – Preacher Charmaine Slade – “Bring & Share”

Lunch

9 Preacher -Sarah Glasswell

16 Preacher – Andy Burrows

23 Preacher- Ken Nicholls

## 23 Afternoon Service at The Meadows

### Extra Prayer Topics

*Church & Circuit Steward & Local Preachers* Pray for those who have responsibility for leading us in the practical and spiritual running of this Church especially at this challenging time. Pray for the Rev. Andy Burrows as he is our titular Superintendent Minister. Pray that he will be able to cope with the extra workload. Pray for those bringing the Word of God to us each Sunday that we may all be blessed and our faith will deepen.

*Moses John*- Pray for Moses John & his family as they prepare to move here in the summer. Pray that God will guide him in his leadership of us.

*Sale & Purchase of new Manse* – Pray for those involved in the proposed sale of the existing Manse and the purchase of a new Manse. Pray for the Lord's guidance.

*Worship Band* – Give thanks for those who lead our worship each Sunday through music. Please pray for more musicians to come forward to join the band.

*Sunday Club* – More leaders and helpers are still needed. Give thanks for the growing numbers of Sunday Club youngsters.

*Home groups*- Please pray for the Home Groups now that they have restarted. Pray that they will be a means of growing spiritually and in closeness to each other.

*Mens Coffee Club* – Pray for this new venture to bring men of the Church together.

*YFC*-Pray for the work of Sarah through YFC as she is involved in lessons, clubs, mentoring and chaplaincy work. Pray also for the work of Illuminate.

*Next Door*- Now open 4 days a week. Please pray for its ongoing and future work.

*Young at Heart* – Pray for those leading and attending this group.

*Reach* – Please pray for all those involved in the work of Reach as it tries to alleviate the suffering of so many at this time of financial challenge.

*Open Mind* – Please pray for the ongoing work of Open Mind. More volunteers needed especially men.

*Revival* – Give thanks for the new people coming into our Church. Pray for the Lord's visitation upon this Church in power as He has promised.

*Our Fellowship* - Pray for those in our fellowship who are going through difficult times. Pray the Lord will meet them at their point of need. Pray for peace and healing.

- Advance Notice

Music Exams will be taking place in the church, coffee lounge and vestry on June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com)*

