

GOD LOVES YOU!



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Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18b-20

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.

- Bring & Share Lunch – THIS SUNDAY

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 home made, 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

- General Church Meeting 16th June

On Sunday 16th June, after Morning Worship, we will hold our General Church meeting for 2024.

This is a meeting for everyone to come along and hear what our church is doing, what the various organisations within the church are up to and what may be planned for the future.

You can ask questions, make comments and suggestions if you wish and generally get involved in *your Church!*

It will not be a very long meeting and we would really value your attendance and participation. Please try to be there.

- 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.

- Photowall

I have a couple more pictures to add to the photowall, which involves an almost complete reprint in order to keep them in alphabetical order.

If I haven't had your pic yet, please send me a selfie this week (head & shoulders, couples together, no kids to haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com) or ask me to take one on Sunday.

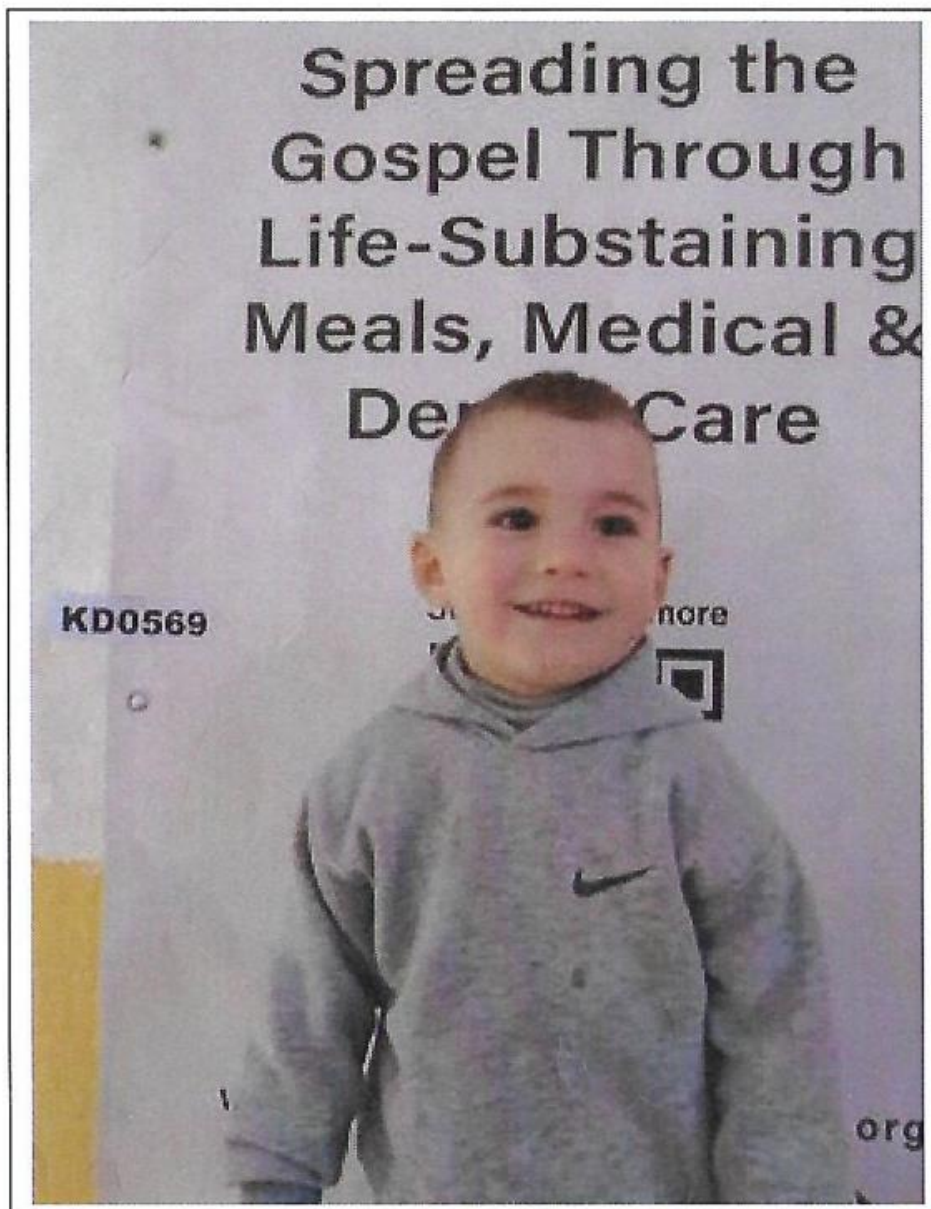
The photowall is really useful for getting to know who's who – not just those with particular roles but the whole church family, but for it to be really helpful we need as many people to be on it as possible. It will be invaluable for Moses as he tries to get to know us all in September.

Many thanks, Kathy

- Adopt-a-Child Christian Charity

A few months ago, in February, you may remember Peter Barton came to preach. He gave us an update on the work of Adopt-a-Child in Guatemala and Albania.

A number of our congregation, as well as the Sunday Club, sponsor children through Adopt-a-Child, sending and receiving letters and photographs and watching the child progress through school years to adulthood. The sponsorship ends when the child becomes an adult. Young at Heart are one the latest sponsors and they have offered to share their first letter and photo with the rest of the church so you can see how personal this contact is and more folk might be inclined to become sponsors.



Alvin Golemi (printed 17/03/23)

As Alvin is only four years old, his older sister actually did the writing and this was translated by one of the Adopt-a-Child team.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please speak to Mick Etheridge or Claire Evans, or go to <https://www.livingwateradoptachild.org/uk/>



Child Sponsorship Programme in Albania

Child Number: **KD0569**
Birth Date: **05/12/2019**

Gender: **Male**
Programme: **Kotodesh**

Hello! My name is Alvin Golemi. I am 4 years old and my birthday is on December 5th. I am doing well and in good health. My favourite color is blue and my future dream is to become football player. I frequent the kindergarten for the first part of the day. I enjoy learning and playing with toys there with my other friends. I meet with my friends and cousins to play outside. I play football in the road and I also play with toys as well as other games as hide and seek, run races etc. Some of my friends have bicycles and we share riding them around, very close to our houses. I spend the time left inside the house, watching cartoons. I enjoy coloring too. We live in Kotodesh and our house offers appropriated living conditions to us. My family is my father and mother as well as from my two sisters who are 11 and 9 years old. I am the youngest of my family. My sisters are both frequenting school and are in the programme. My father and mother deal with agriculture because we own land in the village. They have decided to keep no animals. My parent's plant in the land to provide food for consumption in our family. Agriculture brings benefits, but not enough, for this reason, my father has emigrated to work in Greece as well as in Serbia to raise income for us. My father stays working in these countries for six months within the year and he is hired in construction. We miss him a lot while he lives and works abroad, but we are thankful that he is providing well for us. My mother, besides the housekeeping, plants vegetables for us to consume fresh. We have also got fruit trees around our land and garden. We are not too poor because my father is working and constantly providing, but we are living with low income. My sisters and I are frequenting the programme regularly. We receive food boxes every six weeks that are provided for us from the programme. We are thankful as a family for the physical and spiritual care that is offered to us. God bless you!

- Family Fun Day 8th June 11am-3pm – Free Entry

This event is raising funds for the Scout & Guide new build which Stuart & Abi Britten are site managing – a huge undertaking!

This project has been being hoped and dreamed of for many years (I was on the Scout Committee 25 years or more ago and we were working on it then!) and it is now finally becoming a reality, providing much needed good accommodation for Scout and Guide activities in the town.

It would be great if you could support this event – please see the attached poster for full details.

- 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.

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

- Dates for your Diary

May		
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
8 th	11am-3pm	Family Fun Day at Colne Valley Road – see poster attached
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
	12.30ish	General Church Meeting – for everyone!
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: Bryan & Jenny Ellicott Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
25 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
26 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
27 th & 28 th	All day	Music exams in church, vestry & coffee lounge. Do not enter these areas and please be mindful of noise around the site.
28 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
30 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ian Levett Flowers: Tracy Creasy Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
July		
2 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
3 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
5 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
7 th	10.00am	HDCT Service on the Rec to begin Haverhill Show. No service in Church.