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*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

Psalm 119:18,105

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.

- 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.

- Churchill – Phase 2

Members will have noticed the arrival of a tower crane adjacent to our church. Work has started on phase two of the Churchill Retirement Home development and will continue until June 2025.

Churchill apologise in advance for any noise or disruption to users of our premises and will do all they can to minimise inconvenience. Please be aware there will be some noise at times, such as pile driving, but only during daytime working hours and not usually at weekends.

We have permitted a pedestrian route into their site via the path to the side of our church main entrance and a temporary gate next to our rear fire escape gate, so do not be alarmed if you see “yellow vest” workmen walking up and down.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

John Loader

Property Secretary

- 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.

- Music Exams – 27th & 28th June

Music Exams will be taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge all day on these dates. Do not enter these areas and please try to keep noise to a minimum around the site. Be considerate of these (mostly) young people who have worked hard to achieve their grades.

- Local Evangelism Course

Are you interested in local evangelism? There is a short course available to Help you get started. Please see the attached poster from Steve Norris.

- 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

- Civic Events coming up

- Friday 21st June, Suffolk Day, Ceremony at 9.30am on Market Square with county dignitaries, followed by refreshments in St Mary's.
- Monday 24th June, Flag Raising for Armed Forces Day, Ceremony at 2pm on Market Square including prayers for those who serve and for peace.
- Saturday 29th June, Armed Forces Day, Ceremony at 1pm.
- Sunday 7th July, The Haverhill Show is on and we will be leading an Act of Worship at 10am once the Mayor has opened the event.

and in Kedington, details on attached posters:

- Sunday 30th June, Open Gardens.
- Saturday-Sunday 3rd – 4th August, Flower Festival, with an opportunity to participate.

- 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.

