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### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.

Psalm 33:12

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email <a href="mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com">kathy.cohen@btinternet.com</a> (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 <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

**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.

Make sure you've put the date in your diary!

Saturday 31st August @ 3pm

Welcome service for Revd Moses John and family

Followed by refreshments

All Welcome!

#### • St Mary's Holiday Club

St Mary's Church will be running a Holiday Club from Tue 30<sup>th</sup> July to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 10am – 12.30pm, followed by BYO lunch.

Full details and how to book are on the attached poster.

#### • Big Church Festival

A huge Christian event in West Sussex, 22-24 August.

Details here: https://www.bigchurchfestival.com/tickets-and-prices/

#### 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

#### 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 <a href="mailto:haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com">haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com</a>) 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

#### • 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.

# Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: <a href="mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com">kathy.cohen@btinternet.com</a>

## Dates for your Diary

July					
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door			
21 <sup>st</sup>	Preacher: Rev Ken Nicholls HC Flowers: Claire Guilfoyle				
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)			
24 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall			
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall			
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door			
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Brenda Wadsworth			
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge			
30 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)			
31 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall			
August					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door			
4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Gavin Payne All Age Worship Flowers: Kay Smith			
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge			
6 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)			
7 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall			
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door			
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Ken Nicholls Flowers: Tina Westley			
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge			
13 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)			
14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall			
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door			
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows HC			
		Flowers: Sylvia & Mike W			
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge			
20 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)			
21 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door			
25 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am Preacher: Henry Wilson Flower		Preacher: Henry Wilson Flowers: Mary Thake/Anne Turner			
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge			
27 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)			
28 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall			
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door			
31 <sup>st</sup> 3pm Welcome Service for Revd Moses, led by		Welcome Service for Revd Moses, led by Revd Andy Burrows			
		Chair of District, Helen Hollands preaching			
September					
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – All Age Worship			
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge			