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*I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set my heart on your laws.*

Psalm 119:30

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.

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!

- Shoe boxes

Members of the Church and Young at Heart have been busy knitting for the Shoe Box appeal, toys, hats etc. We intend to start selling them during September. The first date will be Wednesday 4th September in the Hall from 1.00-3.00pm, this is when Young at Heart meet, we will also be selling them on other dates in September, please look out for dates in Connect and please remember to bring cash with you. Janet

- Online Events of interest (1)

On 15th May, Revd Andrew Brazier interviewed members of Norwich Deaf Church in a special online event: Sound Off? The experience of Deaf/BSL users in the church. A recording of this event is available on the East Anglia website: <https://eangliamethodist.org.uk/we-care/deaf-community>

- Online Events of interest (2)

On Tue 6th August at 7pm, Revd Jonny Bell will lead an online event exploring the topic of neurodiversity, with particular attention to ADHD, Dyslexia, and Dyspraxia. The session will be broken down into four main parts: first, we will have the opportunity to experience what it can be like for people with neurodiversity; second, we will hear the experience of a neurodiverse minister; third, we will get some tips on how we can be more inclusive as a justice-seeking church for neurodiverse people; and fourth, we will have a chance for questions and answers. Please have a square piece of paper with you for one of the activities in the session.

You can book to attend this online event at: [Neurodiversity awareness Tickets, Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

- Big Church Festival

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

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

- Photowall

If I haven't had your pic yet, please send me a selfie asap (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

- 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.

- Prayer Diary

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

August

- 4 Gavin Payne
- 11 Ken Nicholls
- 18 Andy Burrows
- 25 Henry Wilson
- 31 3pm – Welcome Service for Rev. Moses John and family.
Led by Rev. Andy Burrows, Speaker – Helen Hollands, District Chair

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. Give thanks for the Rev. Andy Burrows who has been our titular Superintendent Minister over this past year. 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 Rev. Moses John & his family as they settle into life in Haverhill. Pray that they will quickly feel at home here. Pray for the Lord's guidance as he leads us

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.

Men's 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 for a good rest for her during the summer holidays. 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 works 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.

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

- Dates for your Diary

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