

GOD LOVES YOU!



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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

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](#)

- Charity Bingo Night

In aid of Open Mind, 28th September, 6.30 for 7pm at the Chalkstone Centre.

See poster at the end for more info.

- 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



The poster features a teal and white color scheme. At the top left, the word 'EXPLORING' is written in a blue circle, surrounded by icons of a smartphone, a speech bubble, and two people. The main title 'Explore programme' is in a large, bold, dark blue font, with 'Autumn 2024 start' below it. The central text describes the program as an opportunity for church members to step back and consider their call to leadership. To the right, a circular graphic lists '9 sessions', '1 evening a month', and '2 hours per session', leading to 'countless benefits'. The taster session is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th, 2024. Registration information and a booking link are provided at the bottom, along with the Methodist Church logo.

EXPLORING

Explore programme

Autumn 2024 start

Explore is an opportunity for any member of the Methodist Church in Britain to take a step back, and consider how you are called to respond to God's invitation to church leadership

9 sessions 1 evening a month
2 hours per session
countless benefits

Taster: Thursday September 5th 2024

You can register at any time of year, although the course element starts May or September.
Next course starts 19th September 2024

Booking link for taster

To book for the whole course, contact Alice at
explore@methodistchurch.org.uk
www.methodist.org.uk/exploring

The link to book the taster session is: <https://bit.ly/46vHczy>

- 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.



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CHARITY NIGHT

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Come and join us for an evening of bingo, live music by "Country Connection" (classic Country & Western), licensed bar & raffle!

Cash prizes to be won along with much more!

All money raised will be going to Open Mind Meaningful Support.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE
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6.30 PM
EYES DOWN AT
7PM

£10
for
6 Games

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To book a place please contact Debbie either by email or mobile to 07775 740483 or debbie.gibson1972@googlemail.com

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