

GOD LOVES YOU!



Haverhill Methodist Church

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I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.
Psalm 119: 93,130,160

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: <https://bit.ly/4dec2PT>

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!

- Haverhill Singers Concert

Haverhill Singers will be sharing the joy of music at the West End Congregational Church on Saturday 17th August at 7pm. Please see poster at the end for details of how to book.

- Calling all cake bakers.

Cake and coffee Sunday – 18th August 2024

Our church stewards would be really grateful if we could have some cakes baked for the above date.

There will be a list in the church Foyer should you be able to help.

We will be able to receive the cakes the kitchen from 0930 on Sunday 18th August.

If you are able to help then thank you very much in advance.

God Bless

Jacqueline

- Shoe boxes and things to put in them

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 a few Sundays in September, please look out for dates in Connect and please remember to bring cash with you. Janet

- Suffolk Churches Sponsored Bike Ride

Saturday 14 September 9.00 to 5.00pm

The annual sponsored bike ride will take place as usual on the second Saturday in September (see poster at end).

Half of the money raised will be returned to our church funds and half will go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which offers grants to help maintain churches in the county.

Sandra and John have sponsor forms for anyone who would like to ride or walk between churches.

We are also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists to our church on the day, to sign their forms and offer refreshments. Please let us know if you can help for a one or two hour session.

Thanks,

Sandra and John Loader

- 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.

- Sunday Refreshments

I am making a new rota for coffee/tea duty on Sundays. We would welcome new people to help as the more people there are on the list the less frequently everyone has to work.

You would be paired with someone who is familiar with the kitchen and this is a very good way to get to know people in Church, so even if you are very new to our fellowship, please consider if this is something you could do.

My email is joycee.rinaldi@outlook.com , telephone 07799 006 239.

Many thanks

Joyce Rinaldi

- 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 with 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

Haverhill Singers

PRESENTS

**Sharing the joy of music
in the local community**

17th August at 7pm.

West End Congregational Church
Withersfield Road, Haverhill, CB99LA

Tickets only £7.50*

(includes tea, coffee & cakes.)

Choral concert featuring
works by:

**Fauré • Bruckner
Tippett • Rutter**



Book on-line @ haverhill-twintown.org



With financial
help from Haverhill
Town Council



Haverhill
Twin Town
Association

* Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride



**Saturday,
14 September 2024
9.00am - 5.00pm**

Local Organiser
from whom sponsorship
forms are available:

*Sandra
Loader*

**Visit shct.org.uk for more information.
You can also find us on Facebook and X.**

Sponsorship money raised will be divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.



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MEANINGFUL SUPPORT



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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.

CHALKSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
CB9 0JB

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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- Dates for your Diary

August		
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 followed by Coffee & Cake 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 – Holy Communion 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
10 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart resumes in the Church Hall
13 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
15 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
17 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart resumes in the Church Hall
20 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
22 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge