

GOD LOVES YOU!



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For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

Psalm 149:4

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!

- 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.

- Painting & Decorating

The church side entrance, “coffee area” and corridor are due to be redecorated in the week beginning 19 August. Please take extra care if you plan to use the church or coffee lounge as access may be restricted at some times.

Apologies for any inconvenience this might cause.

John Loader

- Sunday Club



Please join us for a Sunday Club Social

Fun and food!

When: Thursday 22nd August
4.30-7.00pm

Where: Church Hall

Grid, Splash and XStream all welcome!

Under 11s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please book by emailing Claire:
claire@evans-mail.co.uk



**Please join us for our
Sunday Club
Anniversary Service.**

**Sunday 8th September
10.30am
Followed by a picnic on
the Rec.
Everyone is welcome!**

- 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 Sunday 29th September after the service; 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

- Kenya Charity (last Sunday's service)

At the Sunday service I interviewed a neighbour who goes regularly to Kenya to help children there. It started after a holiday when Sharon Tipp went up to a village in the mountains where a child had been abandoned outside his home, dying of malaria. She paid for an injection which only cost 6 pounds (expecting it to be far more) this saved the boy's life. Following this, she discovered what children there really need.

She has set up a charity and needs the following items to take with her: any clothes, shoes, trainers, sheets, paracetamol, large suitcases and hand suitcases. She can get money for plastic milk bottle tops and drink cans. Anything you wish to donate I am happy to drop at my neighbour's house. She is going on October 5th so please pass things to me before the end of September if possible.

Your continuing support will be gratefully received. From Heather Nicholls
Add pictures from file.

Interview can be seen at 29:45 in last week's [service online](#).



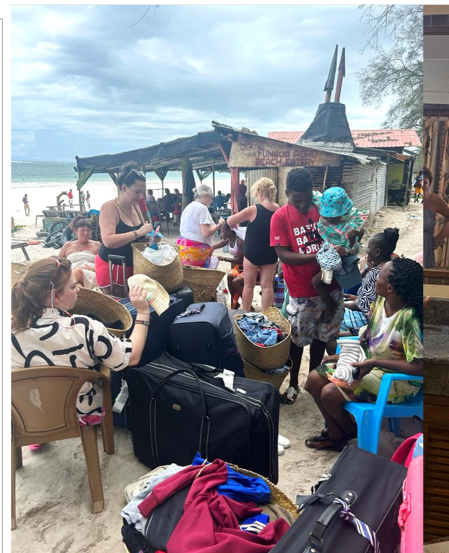
A shop we built in our eldest boys village. Juma now has a little business.



My daughter Alex feeding some of the village families.



This is Kinggy. We found him in a corner of the village by his parents malnutrition and very sick. We now look after him. He goes to school and can speak English.



Sorting clothes for our children.



Some of our children with volunteers.



Kinggy never knew how to smile or cuddle. Look at him now!

- Grapevine articles please!

The theme of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be 'Welcome and hospitality'.

Through this edition of grapevine, we are looking to celebrate and share how our District, our churches, our members, and our ministers have shown great hospitality, or ways in which you have welcomed people to share in your faith and into your church.

There are so many wonderful examples of how we as a District welcome people to our churches and the great hospitality we show, and we would really welcome you to send over articles that you think fit this theme, so we can share this with others.

If you would like to contribute an article that relates to this theme, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text). The deadline for articles is Friday 6th September but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive, and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and kind regards

Ms Danielle Gravestock

District Administrator

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- 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.

Moses is already using it to get to know names and faces!

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.

- [Christian Employment Opportunity](#)

I ask for your prayers for our ministry at HMP Highpoint and hoping you could share the above advert with your congregation and new minister? I don't have your new minister's email address, but could you share it with them or anyone who might be interested.

Despite the weird wording, (blame civil service protocols) I have finally got approval to hire 1.5 full time equivalent Christian chaplains in our West Suffolk prison. Lay or ordained and needs to be of a Christian denomination. Click [here](#) for the full advertisement.

If you know anyone who could be interested, I am happy to arrange an in person visit or zoom call. Full or part time. Chaplains who are full time either work a Saturday if Catholic or Sunday if Anglican/Free Church and get paid 20% extra for doing so on top of the salary and the Alpha civil service pension. Part timers also work Sundays or Saturdays but on a rota. Hours are 8 am to 4-5pm, with flexileave scheme and shorter hours on weekends.

Many thanks.

Rev. Wendy Norris

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My usual working pattern is Sunday to Thursday.

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



Suffolk
Historic
Churches
Trust

**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.

BINGO



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		
17 th	7pm	Haverhill Singers @ West End Church – see poster for details
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 – HC Flowers: Linda Arrowsmith 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 – selling items for shoe boxes
	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 followed by picnic on the Rec Flowers: Margaret Taylor 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
14 th	All day	Historic Churches Bike Ride – volunteers needed, see poster
15 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John Flowers: Phyl Hall Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
17 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
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20 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
22 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Anthea & David Payne Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
24 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
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