

GOD LOVES YOU!



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*In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?*

Psalm 56:4

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September, between 10.30-2.30pm
@ Gill and Dave's house
8 Victoria Road
Haverhill
CB9 9PS

Pop in if you can.





- 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. Please note this is a CASH ONLY event.



- 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 will be selling them again on Sunday 29th September after the service; please remember to bring cash with you.** Janet

- Illuminate AGM & Quiz



You are invited to our

AGM and Quiz

Sunday 20th October at 4.00pm
Haverhill Methodist Church hall
Camps Road, Haverhill, CB9 8HF

Teams of up to 6 (mixed ages encouraged), £2 per person

Drinks provided, bring your own nibbles

Short AGM and update on the work

Bring a team or join one on the day

Book your space or more info from Sarah, info@haverhill.yfc.co.uk

 Haverhill & District
YOUTH FOR CHRIST

- Pastoral Friends meeting

There will be a meeting of Pastoral Friends on Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm in the Coffee Lounge. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Janet

- Congratulations!

Cliff Reader, one of Win's Pastoral Group, will be 100years old on Thursday 3rd October. Many Congratulations to Cliff from all at Haverhill Methodist!



- Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 6th October. This year, as in previous years, our harvest gifts will be donated to REACH & the foodbank. They have produced a 'Harvest Shopping List' to help you make donations of things they need. The list is attached at the end of this issue.

There is also a Harvest Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for the harvest.

Thank you for your provision and generosity.

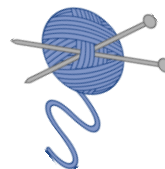
Lord, comfort those who are hungry and those who feel hopeless.

Help us give the food from harvest to those who need it most.

Thank you, God, that you look upon your people vulnerable and in need, and have compassion on them.

Amen.

- Calling all knitters!!



St Nicholas hospice are in need of knitted hearts again. If you could help by knitting or crocheting them I would be very grateful. I have an easy pattern and can supply wool and stuffing. They want yellow. Blue pink and green ones. Please let me know if you can help. Janet

- Your Church needs You !

There are always jobs to be done around our church premises and we are looking for new blood - younger people (preferable !) - who are willing to give a hand with property tasks, either on a regular or occasional basis.

For example:

- internal maintenance = painting, woodworking, repairing, cleaning;
- garden maintenance = weeding, trimming shrubs, hedges and trees, digging and flower bed maintenance, clearing ivy, clearing weeds from the rear courtyard.
- External maintenance = painting fences, masonry repair, clearing gutters and down pipes, roof maintenance, car park litter and leaf clearance, pathway clearance, repair, and de-icing in snow/frost conditions.

Whether you are very experienced or more of a novice willing to give it a try please talk to John Loader or Moses about ways you might be able to help. Thankyou !

John Loader
Property Secretary



- Photowall

The Photowall is coming along nicely, with well over 100 faces and names already – BUT – is your face among them? If not, **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
3. may happen through Sunday worship, home visits, telephone conversations, email or text or letters/cards.
4. To pray for and perhaps with those you are a pastoral friend to.
5. To make available our weekly Connect to those unable to access it.
6. To distribute the annual Methodist Church Membership Tickets and Adherent Tickets.
7. As appropriate, to inform the Pastoral Secretary and Church Minister of any serious illness, hospitalisation or if back up support is needed.
8. To inform the Safeguarding Officer of any concerns
9. To inform the Pastoral Secretary and Communication Team Leader of any changes in their contact details.
10. 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/online banking, 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:

October

- 1 Pastoral meeting
- 5 Harvest Supper
- 6 Harvest – All age worship
- 9 Circuit/Church Council Meeting
- 20 Haverhill Youth for Christ AGM and Quiz – 4pm

Extra Prayer Topics

Rev. 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.

Church & Circuit Stewards & Local Preachers – Pray for all those who will be supporting Rev. Moses John in the practical & spiritual running of this church and who bring the word of God to us each Sunday.

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.

Mens 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 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.

Town Pastors – Pray for the Town Pastors as they are now out on the streets once a fortnight on a Friday evening.

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.

PART-TIME CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WORKER

Costessey Methodist Church seeks to appoint a part-time Children, Young People and Families worker, 10 hours per week, with a compulsory Sunday every week and the other two days to be agreed upon with some flexibility should the need arise. Salary is £12.00 per hour

We are looking for a part-time Children, Young People and Families Worker to support the vision of the church, in engaging the children, young people and families some of whom are new to the UK and to connect with the wider community. The best qualification is a deep passion for working with children.

Applicants should be able to

1. To oversee and develop work with children and families in a consultative process within the church and the local community
2. To help children and families to explore the Christian faith in a creative and dynamic way in Sunday School and to enable:
 - intergenerational engagement
 - participation
3. To consult with families and in partnership identify their needs and provide a range of social education and some intergenerational activities which aim to meet these needs
4. To manage and administer an agreed budget to enable the ministry to develop.
5. To appraise and review initiatives set up and activities undertaken and change where necessary the action and focus of work after consultation with, and agreement, from the management group.
6. To work ecumenically where appropriate and in partnership with other local church colleagues.
7. To work with the Superintendent and the District Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance with the Churches' Policy on Safeguarding and creating a safe space for all.
8. To undertake any other related duties, identified by the minister as are within your capabilities and level of responsibility, in order to meet the needs of the church

Training provided.

The Methodist Church is committed to the safeguarding of all.

Closing date for applications 17.00 on Friday 31 October 2024 and interviews commencing Tuesday 4th November at appointed time between 10.00 – 16.00pm

Further details on job description, person specification and application pack contact Rev Mary Sachikonye sachies@btinternet.com or 07984 371441

Harvest shopping list 2024

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

- Squash
- Custard
- Sugar 1kg
- Pudding (rice or sponge)
- Crisps/crackers
- Potatoes (tinned/mashed)
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Coffee
- Chocolate treats
- Biscuits
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Rice
- Noodles
- Tea
- UHT milk

NOT needed:

- ~~Beans~~
- ~~Pasta~~
- ~~Cereal~~
- ~~Dog / Cat food~~
- ~~Washing up liquid~~
- ~~Pasta sauce~~
- ~~Tinned fish~~
- ~~Tinned meat~~
- ~~Soup~~
- ~~Tinned tomatoes~~
- ~~Shower Gel~~
- ~~Toilet roll~~
- ~~Deodorant~~
- ~~Shampoo~~



OPEN MIND
MEANINGFUL SUPPORT

**CASH ONLY
EVENT**

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**

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

HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

5.30PM



If you wish to join us for this event please add your name to the list in the Church foyer.

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

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GIFT AID FORM



FOR EVERY £3 DONATED, WE RECEIVE AN EXTRA 75p FREE FROM HMRC. PLEASE HELP US GAIN THIS FREE MONEY BY FILLING IN THE GIFT AID FORM BELOW IF YOU PAY ANY SORT OF TAX INCLUDING PENSIONS

(IN CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE)

TITLE FIRST NAME DATE

SURNAME

ADDRESS 1

ADDRESS 2

TOWN POSTCODE

COUNTY

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Do you want to hear what happened to your shoebox and the work of Link to Hope? Please tick the box (we will not share your details or bombard you with e-mails)

THE BORING BUT NECESSARY PART -

I am a UK tax payer. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on my donations I must pay the difference. Please let us know if your tax status changes.

Please notify the charity if you: want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

£ . 00

This amount is the transport donation NOT the value of your shoebox.

SIGNED.....

PAYMENT METHODS

- Donate £3 per box online on the website
- OR do a BACS transfer **£1**
- OR tape £3 onto this green square (and nowhere else).

PAYMENT DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE

Thank You

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

The £3 goes towards transport/promotion/processing/distribution/project support costs. We take ownership of the goods and the responsibility for distributing them.

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Link to Hope

- UKRAINE
- MOLDOVA
- ROMANIA
- BULGARIA

JOIN US

HELP US, HELP THEM



FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Register Here

Link to Hope
Link House,
Ferring Street,
Ferring,
BN12 5JP



TEL:
01903 529333

BEFORE THE 8TH NOVEMBER 2024

www.linktohope.co.uk

Charity no: 1069722

SHOEBOX INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 01

PLEASE GRAB AN EMPTY SHOEBOX
AN ADULT SHOEBOX - NO BOOT BOXES

FOR A FAMILY BOX - ADD ALL BLUE BOX ITEMS
+ 5 OR MORE ITEMS FROM THE RED LIST TO THE SHOEBOX

STEP 02

ELDERLY BOX - ADD ALL BLUE BOX ITEMS
+ 5 OR MORE ITEMS FROM THE PURPLE LIST TO THE SHOEBOX

OR
FOR AN

STEP 03

THEN TAPE THE LID TO THE BOX
AND WRAP IT COMPLETELY

IMPORTANT
NO FOOD, BISCUITS,
TEA/COFFEE, OUT
OF DATE ITEMS,
SANITARY ITEMS
OR UNDERWEAR

NOW TAPE THE COMPLETED CONTENTS LIST
TO THE LID OF THE WRAPPED SHOEBOX

STEP 04

FOLD OVER THE LEAFLET AND TAPE TO THE BOX. NEXT FILL IN
AND SIGN THE GIFT AID FORM - WE THEN RECEIVE AN EXTRA
75p FOR FREE FROM HMRC FOR EVERY £3 PER BOX

STEP 05

PLEASE PAY YOUR £3 EITHER ONLINE OR BY BAGS
OR CHEQUE OR MONEY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

STEP 06

TO GET SHOEBOXES TO US GO TO: www.linkthope.co.uk

STEP 07

FOR ALL OTHER WAYS TO JOIN IN, PLEASE GO TO:
www.linkthope.co.uk

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CONTENTS LIST

We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.

- Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)
- Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2025 EU Origin)
- Soap & Flannel
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Candles & Holders* or Tealights
- Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards)

*Holder is for safety and stability

Then please ADD 5 or more items (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Unisex Elderly Shoebox.

FAMILY

FAMILY

ELDERLY (UNISEX)

- Colouring Pads (A5)
- Crayons/Pencils (with rubber & sharpener)
- Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- Soft Toy Teddy (with CE labels)
- Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- Sewing Kit
- Shampoo (max 400ml)
- Solar-Powered Calculator
- Safety Razors
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Other Gifts

OR

- Reading Glasses/Magnifier (Max + 2 strength)
- Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc)
- Hot Water Bottle
- Work Gloves
- Pen and Paper
- Socks/Tights (NEW)
- Wind-Up Radio/Torch
- Shampoo (max 400ml)
- Scissors/Nail Clippers
- Safety Razors
- Other Gifts

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For other gifts & sustainability ideas go to www.linkthope.co.uk

PLEASE REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

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