

GOD LOVES YOU!



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*My salvation and my honour depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.*

Psalm 62:7

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.

- [Town Pastors](#)



The Town Pastors are on the streets **tonight**, Friday 4th October, from 8pm to midnight. Please keep them in your prayers and support those who bring this important ministry to our streets.

If you are interested in becoming part of this aspect of God's work in our town please speak to Kathy, Angela Proctor, David Payne, Phoebe, Mary Thake, Pat Shanks, Dot Parker, Sarah Glasswell, Paula Tappin or Jack Tappin, we can all tell you about our experiences as home prayers, base leaders or actually being out on the streets. Or contact the chairman, Ian Levett.

- Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service, where your gifts will be received, is on this 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, as you are able. 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.

- 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

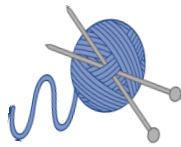
Bring a team or join one on the day

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



Haverhill & District
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**

- 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

- 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/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.

HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

5.30PM



Don't forget to come along and join the fun!

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

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~~

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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 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



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

Register Here



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.linkthohope.co.uk

STEP 07

FOR ALL OTHER WAYS TO JOIN IN, PLEASE GO TO:
www.linkthohope.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

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.linkthohope.co.uk

PLEASE REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

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• Dates for your Diary

October		
4 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
5 th	5.30pm	Harvest Supper – don't forget to sign up in the Church foyer!
6 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – Harvest All Age Worship Flowers: Church Harvest Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
8 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
9 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Church & Circuit Council in the Church Hall
11 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
13 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – Holy Communion Flowers: Church Harvest Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
15 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
16 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
18 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
20 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Pat Shanks Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
22 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
23 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
25 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
27 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John Flowers: Verna Titmarsh Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
29 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
30 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
November		
1 st	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
3 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Jacqueline & Stefan Stewart Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
5 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
6 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
8 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door

* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds
01440 763613 or harrys62@sky.com