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Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

Psalm 62:1

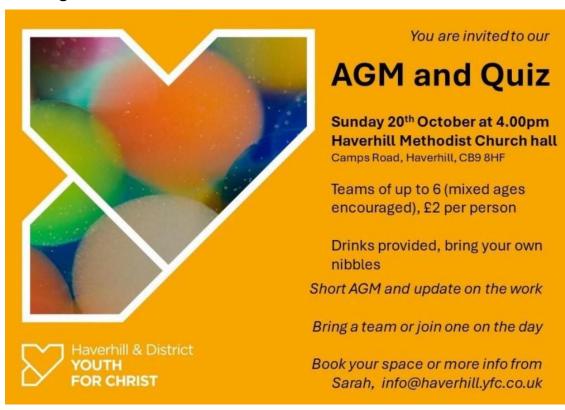
Prayer Chain: If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email kathy.cohen@btinternet.com (or phone 01440 762536) and your message will be forwarded to all those on the prayer email list (about 150 people).

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 18^h 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, lan Levett.

• Link to Hope shoeboxes

The boxes will be blessed by Moses on Sunday 27th October and will be taken to Clare during the following week so need to be completed by then. People are welcome to bring them this Sunday if they will be away and we will store them until the following Sunday..

Many thanks

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Harvest Thank You from REACH

Dear Haverhill Methodist Church and Congregation,

A huge thank you for the kindness you've shown during Harvest time. We're so grateful for your donation of 138kg of food, which will provide much-needed relief to those facing hardship.

Your donation helps countless people and families, like Jo, who came to us over the summer holidays.

Jo has two children at primary school. Both of them desperately needed new school uniform but, as a single mum, Jo just didn't know how she was going to be able to afford it. Even with careful money management there wasn't enough to cover all their outgoings and she was left with a heartbreaking decision: should she prioritise food, rent, or properly fitting uniform? Our adviser Justine was able to give her food for the week which, in turn, allowed Jo to buy new uniform instead of food that week. The relief, she said, was huge. For her children to even have some brand new items instead of second hand, so they didn't stand out, made her feel very emotional.

As well as food, we're also going into schools to deliver lessons on household budgeting to both adults and children, so that they can go forward with the knowledge they need to thrive, not simply survive, without falling into hardship.

If you would like to read more about our prevention work, or personal stories about how the people and services offered at REACH have helped clients through their difficult situations, please visit www.reachhaverhill.org.uk.

Thank you again for your support. Your generosity is a beacon of hope for those in difficult circumstances, and we're deeply thankful for your gift. Yours sincerely,

Henry Wilson MBE Chief Executive REACH Community Projects

• 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.

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.

• From the East Anglia District

Made in the image of God. Imago Dei: A theological basis for 'Belonging'? Tuesday 22 October 2024 7.30pm to 9.30pm Free

A Church for Everyone webinar hosted by St James & Emmanuel. In association with the Centre for Autism and Theology, Aberdeen University

https://stjamesandemmanuel.org/made-in-the-image-of-god/

This webinar is for those seeking to help their church improve its sense of belonging. Sometimes individuals or groups can feel marginalised in a church community. This can be for a variety of reasons, sometimes practical, but sometimes because of 'taken for granted', unconscious, ways of thinking. This webinar addresses the key idea of being 'made in the image of God'. Contributors will provide us with high-quality academic perspectives discussed in terms of their practical application. The aim is to help you identify ways to improve your church's approach to the benefit of all.

Thanks, Revd Jonny Bell Methodist Minister Fulmodeston, Holt, New Holkham, Sculthorpe and Fakenham, Stibbard, and Wells-next-the-Sea Methodist Churches

Job opportunity

Please see the attached poster for a Youth Worker vacancy at St Ives Methodist Church.

Connecting Communities Transport Service

Please see the attached poster detailing the Connecting Communities transport service.

Connecting Communities is a transport service supporting passengers in Haverhill and surrounding villages. The service supports those that would otherwise find it difficult to use public transport, perhaps because there is a limited bus service or they find using the network buses a little challenging, preferring supported door to door transport.

The service operates Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4.30pm and is also able to support journeys to attend hospital appointments. Call 01638 664304 for further information.

Please note: There is a cost associated with this service, currently £4 each way within Haverhill (cheaper than a taxi!). Hospital trips and places further afield, using private cars, are charged at 72p/mile.

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

Dates for your Diary

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October		
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
10 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – Remembrance Sunday – HC
		Flowers: Len Jacobs
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
12 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
13 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
17 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John
		Flowers: Roger & Margaret Beaumont
.1		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
19 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
20 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 nd	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
24 th	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Flowers: Vacant
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge

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