

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*God's voice thunders in marvellous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'*

*Job 37:5-6*

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

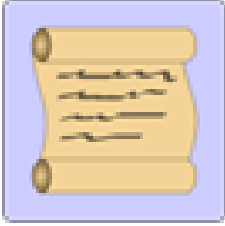
- [Link to Hope shoeboxes](#)

The boxes will be blessed by Moses during this Sunday's (27th October) service and will be taken to Clare during the following week, so they must be in church this Sunday.

Many thanks

Gill

## *Haverhill Methodist Church*



*Invite you to  
A Service to Remember Loved Ones*

*Thursday 7th November 2024, 7.30pm*

*A time to remember loved ones departed*

*Names will be read out*

*and you will have the opportunity to light a candle*



*Followed by refreshments*

- Welcoming Service for new Members 17th November 2024

On the 17th November, our Minister Moses will be having a Welcome Service for new members.

If you would like to be included in this ceremony, could you please attend a meeting with Moses in the Lounge (next to the vestry) after the service on the 3rd November.

This meeting will last for only 10-15 minutes.

With Many Blessings

Jacqueline Stewart

- 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/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.

- From Haverhill & District Churches Together

### **Assisted Dying**

We are expecting a bill to be introduced to Parliament next week to give terminally ill people the right to choose to end their life, with debates and an initial vote to follow later in the year. You can read more about the likely process for introducing and discussing this bill from [BBC News](#). Note that a similar bill is already on its second reading in the House of Lords.

This is clearly an important topic which needs discussing sensitively and carefully, but also robustly and seriously. If you are looking for resources to help you think through these issues, there are some available from [CARE](#), which I have been asked to share by one of our members, or from [Theos](#). Both of these organisations deal with faith in the public square, and especially in politics, and both oppose the introduction of the assisted dying bill. They are offered to start discussion, but also offer some practical ways to respond if you feel that is appropriate, including writing to Nick Timothy, our MP, with your views.

There is an opportunity to discuss the bill with **Nick Timothy MP at St Mary's Church next Thursday 31st October from 5.30pm to 7pm.**

Apologies for the short notice, but this is the date that Nick's office offered us, so we felt it was better to take it and make the most of Nick's willingness to engage us on this topic. Please do let people know and encourage them to take part.

If you would like to attend the event, please **register for free tickets [online](#)**. If you are not able to attend but would like to ask a question, let me know and I will do my best to put them to Nick as chair of the discussion. The

event will also be livestreamed on St Mary's Facebook page and YouTube channel, so you can watch live or after the event.

There is more information on our [website](#).

I hope that this is a useful opportunity to engage our local MP constructively on this important topic, and to ensure that he hears our views and answers our questions.

Every blessing,

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- Scarecrow Trail @ Cleves Place Care Home

*Anyone want to get a small group together for this??*

My name is Lauren and I'm a Lifestyle Coordinator at Cleves Place Care Home in Haverhill. I'd like to invite you to take part in our Scarecrow Trail this year!

We are inviting local businesses, community groups (including churches) and schools to create a scarecrow of your own design, to display in our garden for a scarecrow trail on December 7<sup>th</sup> as part of our Christmas Fayre.

If you would like to get involved, please bring your scarecrow to Cleves Place Care Home by 5pm November 27<sup>th</sup> with a sign stating your business/group/school name and the name of your scarecrow.

There will be a small prize and a Facebook post for the best community scarecrow, which will be voted for by residents.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing your entry!

Kind regards,

Lauren

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