

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.*  
*Psalm 94:18-19*

**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.

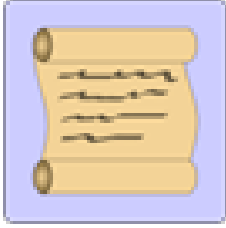
Please remember our Churches Together online Prayer Wall [here](#):

**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.

All of those New Members who are being welcomed into the Church on 17th November please ensure you meet Moses immediately after the service this Sunday, 3rd November for 10 minutes, in the Coffee Lounge.

## *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*

- Car Park

The car park has recently been very congested and a few folk were unable to move their cars after the service as they were blocked in.

When parking please:

- Do not block other cars in the car park
- Do not park on the double yellow lines in front of the coffee lounge
- Do not park at the entry to the church between the church and next door.

Note: the car park by the council offices is free on Sundays and is only a short walk away.

- Help with tables and chairs :

We still have had no extra help to put tables and chairs out in the hall before church. Help is also needed to put them away again after church. We need more than 1 person. Please see Moses or any of the Church Stewards if you would be able to help.

- Thank You!

A BIG thank you to everyone who made up Shoeboxes, donated on line, knitted things or donated cash.

I took 34 boxes to Claire today with a bag of things from the odds box & £234 which will be used to fill more boxes.

Thanks again. Only 11 months till we start again!

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- Living Nativity – Saturday 30th November

The Living Nativity coincides with the town's Christmas events that day. The format is different to previous years, with a group of actors and live animals making their way through the High Street to engage people in the story of Jesus's birth, finishing with a Christmas message and carols with the Haverhill Youth and Community Band.



CHURCHES  
TOGETHER

NOVEMBER  
30TH 2024

LIVING  
NATIVITY

Meet at the Old Independent Church  
at 11.15  
travel with Mary & Joseph along  
the High Street to St Mary's Church  
where there will be  
a short outside service at 12 noon.  
Followed by carols with  
Haverhill Youth and Community Band.

Free gift for  
small children

The poster features a dark blue background with gold stars and a gold diagonal line. On the right, there is an illustration of the Holy Family in a manger. The text is white and gold.

- Toy Service – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Sunday 1st December is our annual Toy Service. Our Town Mayor will be here to receive the toys which will then be passed to Social Services to distribute to those who might otherwise have very little this Christmas. If you are able to donate, the toys must be new and unwrapped, suitable for ages 0 - 18 years. These gifts go to children in Haverhill and the surrounding area.

- House Groups

There are currently 4 House Groups meeting. It would be good to make more available. If there is anyone who would be prepared to host please let me know.  
Heather Nicholls

- Prayer Triplets

I would like to encourage people in the church to form Prayer Triplets. I have been part of one for many years and found it very valuable. You may not feel comfortable praying in a group but with just 2 others it is much easier. You can, of course, pray silently.

If you are interested in forming one or would like to know more please let me know. You may choose to approach people yourself with whom you are comfortable.

Heather Nicholls



- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors are on the streets **tonight**, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 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.

- 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.

- St Nicholas Hospice Light Up A Life Service

This will take place at St Mary's Church on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm. Please see the attached poster for all details.

- Prayer Diary

Apart from the Sunday services here are some other dates to pray for:  
November

- 1 Town Pastors on patrol
- 7 Service to remember loved ones
- 10 Remembrance Sunday
- 15 Town Pastors on patrol
- 17 New members service
- 29 Town Pastors on patrol

### 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.

*House groups*- Please pray for the House Groups now that they have restarted. Pray that they will be a means of growing spiritually and in closeness to each other.

*Men's 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.

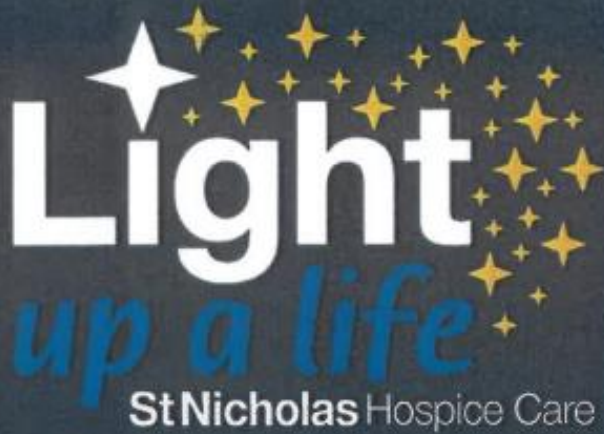
*Open Mind* – Please pray for the ongoing work of Open Mind as there is high demand for this service. More volunteers are needed both men and women. Thank God for His guidance and provision so far.

*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.





St Mary's Church  
Haverhill, CB9 8AX  
14 December, 3pm

Please join us for our special remembrance event, where we will celebrate the love, joy and happiness that those we miss brought into our lives.

*Remember and celebrate the special people in our lives who have died*

*You are invited, should you wish, to have the names of your loved ones read out at an event.*

You can do this by visiting our website:  
[stnicholashospice.org.uk/lightupalife](http://stnicholashospice.org.uk/lightupalife)



Or call Supporter Care on  
01284 715566

because you matter

**St Nicholas**  
Hospice Care

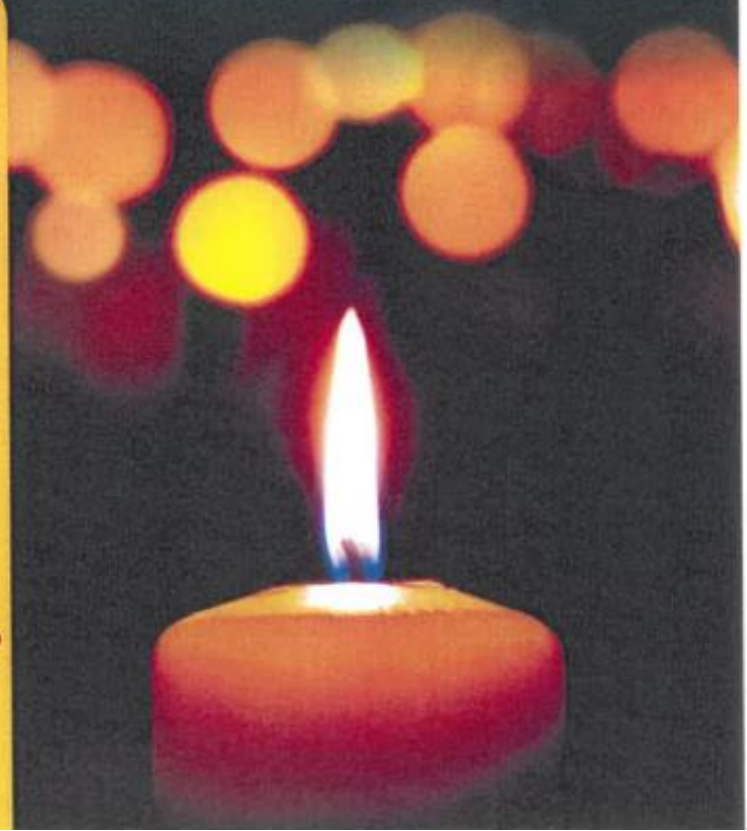
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Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com)

• Dates for your Diary

<b>November</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Jacqueline & Stefan Stewart Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
5 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
6 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Remembrance of Loved Ones service
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – Remembrance Sunday – HC Flowers: Len Jacobs Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
12 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John Flowers: Roger & Margaret Beaumont Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
19 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
20 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Flowers: Vacant* Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
26 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
27 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
<b>December</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – Toy Service Flowers: Alf Coe Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	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  
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