

GOD LOVES YOU!



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The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Psalm 19:1-2

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.

- Toy Service – Sunday 1st December

Our annual Toy Service this year will be held on the 1st December. For the benefit of those people who are new to this church I will give you a brief outline of what happens. Everyone is invited to bring a toy/gift to the service and these will be accepted by the Town Mayor, Councillor David Smith, on behalf of social services. These will then be passed to social services who will distribute the gifts to children in the town who would otherwise get very little at Christmas. The only stipulation by social services is that the toys are new and unwrapped, and cover the age range 0-18 years, as they like to be able to give a gift to each child in the family. They assure me that these are very much appreciated.

Kay

- Messy Church Christmas – Helpers needed!

We are hosting a Messy Church Christmas event, Sunday 8th December 4-6pm, and would love some more helpers please. There are many ways to help – with crafts or activities, preparing/serving food in the kitchen, on the welcome desk and so on. Please email Claire (claire@evans-mail.co.uk) if you are able to help.



**Please join us for our
Messy Church
Christmas Party!**

**Sunday 8th December 4-6pm
Haverhill Methodist Church Hall**

Fun Christmas themed activities, games, crafts and food.

**Activities aimed at Primary school children and below.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**For more information or to book email:
hmcMESSYchurch@gmail.com
Please include any dietary requirements**

- IT'S PANTO TIME!

We have reserved a block of seats for Snow White on Sunday 19th January, 1pm.

We are pleased to have secured a group discount – Adults are £12, Sunday Club Children are £7 per ticket (as Sunday Club are further subsidising £5 per ticket)



Please contact Claire to reserve your tickets - claire@evans-mail.co.uk or 07734 298 247

Payment can be made to the Sunday Club account:

Methodist Church Sunday Club

Sort Code 30-93-99

Account number 00079805

Tickets must be reserved by Sunday 24th November, payment can be made at later date if required.

- Music Exams

Please note: There will be Music Exams in the church on November 26th & 27th. The church, vestry and Coffee Lounge will be in use, please take notice of the signs and do not enter these areas. Also, please keep noise to a minimum around the site and in the car park'

Many thanks!

- Living Nativity – Saturday 30th November

The Living Nativity is part of the town's Christmas. 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.

Click the link for lots more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19a4YKdKv5/>

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

- Posada

The idea of a Posada comes originally from Central America, probably from Mexico and may go back to the late 16th century. The word 'posada' means 'inn' or 'shelter' in Spanish.

The idea is to use the time of Advent when we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas, to welcome Mary and Joseph into our homes and remember the time they were trying to find a place for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem.

There is a Posada set (basically a manger scene) which travels around the congregation, moving to a new home each day. Members of the congregation sign up for a day when they can receive the Posada which will be brought to them by the household that precedes them on the list. They will welcome the visitors, provide simple refreshments (tea/coffee + biscuits/cake) and then hold a short act of worship (words provided). The display is usually placed in the window and will be taken to the next household on the list the following day, a suitable time having been agreed. Eventually the Posada is brought to the Church for the Christmas morning service when we all, as a community, welcome Mary, Joseph and Jesus into our lives.

The Posada has perhaps added significance today as we think of the millions of refugees throughout the world who are seeking a safe place to stay.

Sign up for your day, in Church on Sunday or speak to Ken!

- Next Door – Christmas Stock

We now have our Christmas cards and gifts available in Next Door. If you are new to the Church and have not had the opportunity to visit the café we would like to invite you to call in and see what is on offer. Apart from Christmas items, we do carry a good stock of greetings cards and gifts which carry a Christian message and also a range of books and Bibles. Our usual opening times are from 10.30 until 1pm from Tuesday to Friday each week.

We will be displaying the Christmas stock in the hall during coffee time on Sunday 1st December, after the toy service. Please bring cash if you would like to buy as we do not have card facilities.

Next Door is an important opportunity for our Christian outreach in the community and we would welcome new volunteers. If you are available and would be interested in becoming involved in helping, please speak to one of the Stewards who will introduce you to one of our team.

- Link to Hope

A short video from Link to Hope showing the team at Clare Baptist Church with the loaded lorry <https://www.facebook.com/reel/3876009476061709>

- Please Note

As of 19th November, our steward Keith Barker will only be contactable on his mobile number. He will no longer have a landline. Please adjust your records accordingly.

- 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/library 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.

- 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

- Regular Church Bookings

There have been a few changes to those groups who regularly use the hall/loft/coffee lounge/church – please refer to the Regular Hall Hirers on the notice boards, in the hall, foyer of church, notice board downstairs. Please always check with Mick Etheridge if you wish to use parts of the premises as there could be odd bookings apart from the regular ones.

- 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 14th December, 3pm.

Please see the attached poster for all details.

- The Torch Trust – Christian sight loss charity

The Torch Trust exists to help those with sight loss at any level to have a fulfilling Christian life. They offer a bespoke service helping you to find the right Bible, Bible reading notes, Christian book for leisure or study or the right Torch community event. They also produce a regular newsletter.

You can find out more at www.torchtrust.org.uk or www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk, email them at info@torchtrust.org or call them on 01858 438260

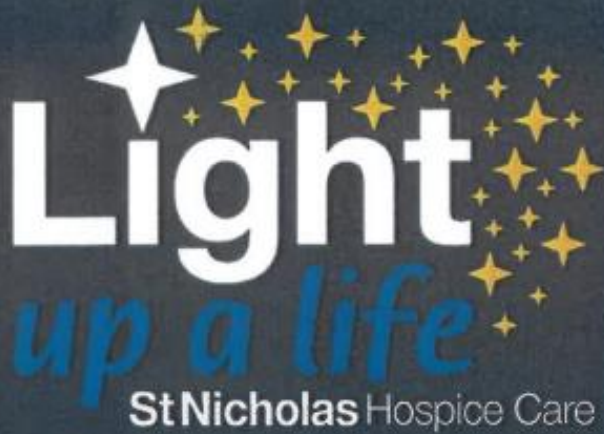
You can also speak to Rev Ken Nicholls for more information.

**HAVERRHILL VETERANS'
BRASS BAND**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER
HAVERRHILL METHODIST CHURCH
3 PM
ADMISSION ON THE DOOR - £5**



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



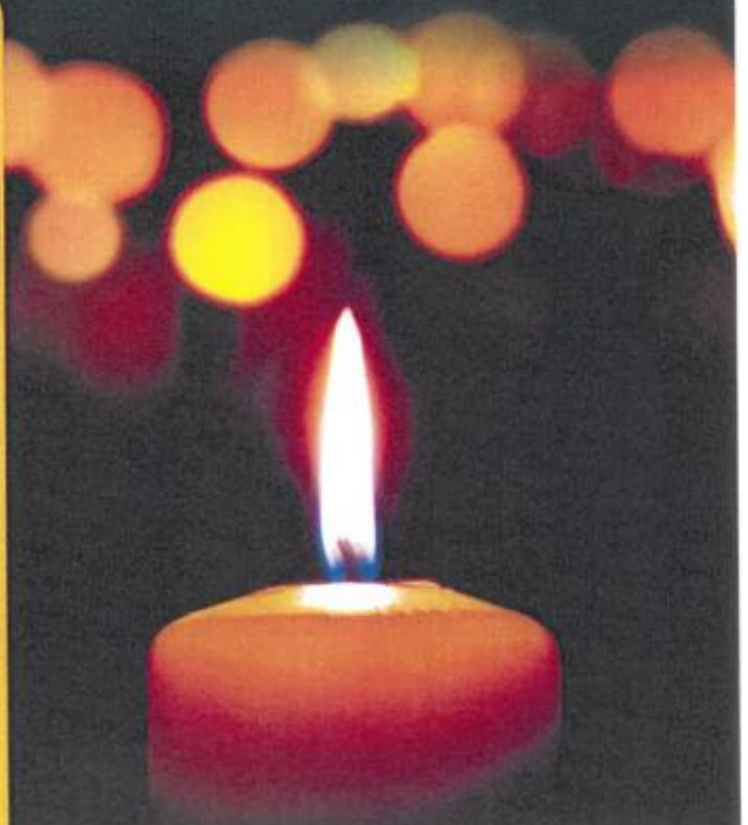
Or call Supporter Care on
01284 715566

because you matter

St Nicholas
Hospice Care

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- An idea for Advent

Taken from the United Methodist Church website:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/advent-photo-a-day-2024>

Advent Photo-a-Day 2024

Advent is the season leading up to Christmas. It is 24 days of preparation. This year, we're inviting you to prepare by looking for the visual reminders of God's presence... daily.

Each day during the season of Advent, we'll post a word for reflection (see list below) on both [The United Methodist Church's Facebook page](#) as well as [The UMC Instagram account](#). Take a moment (or several moments) of pause and reflection, then share a response to that word through a picture posted on social media – no explanation necessary. Post your picture on social media with #AdventPhoto--or tag us [directly on Facebook](#) with @TheUnitedMethodistChurch.

ADVENT 2024

PHOTO-A-DAY CHALLENGE

DECEMBER	
1 - PROMISE	15 - HOME
2 - FULFILL	16 - FEAR
3 - TIME	17 - GROW
4 - JUSTICE	18 - GLADNESS
5 - RIGHTEOUSNESS	19 - VICTORY
6 - LIVE	20 - RENEW
7 - CALLED	21 - GATHER
8 - HOPE	22 - AWE
9 - MESSENGER	23 - AMAZED
10 - PREPARE	24 - TREASURED
11 - SEEK	CHRISTMAS DAY
12 - DELIGHT	25 - WORSHIP
13 - ENDURE	
14 - OFFERING	

#ADVENTPHOTO

Don't worry if you miss a day or two--there's no failing this challenge!

- Lost Property!

These keys were found on the doorstep of Next Door when they opened on Tuesday morning and they are waiting in Next Door to be claimed. If they are yours, there is a number on the key fob which you will need to quote when claiming them.



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

• Dates for your Diary

November		
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
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
26 th & 27 th	All day	Music Exams in Church Please do not enter the signed areas and keep noise to a minimum.
27 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
29 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
	8pm - midnight	Town Pastors on Patrol
30 th	11.15am	Living Nativity & Carols on High Street – see notice above
December		
1 st	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – Toy Service Flowers: Alf Coe Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
3 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
4 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
5 th	3pm	Veterans' Brass band Christmas Concert – see poster
6 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
8 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – HC Flowers: Bryan & Jenny Ellicott Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
10 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
13 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
14 th	3pm	St Nicholas Hospice Light Up a Life service at St Mary's See attached poster for full details
15 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – D-I-Y Christingle Service Church Christmas Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
17 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
20 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
22 nd	10.30am	Morning Worship: Rev Moses John Church Christmas Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
	5pm	Candlelight Family Carol Service led by the Worship Team

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