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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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.

- Funeral – Gordon Watson

Gordon's funeral will be held at our church on Friday 10th January 2025 at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

- Prayer

Please remember to pray for Charmaine on Wednesday 15th (and thereafter) as she begins the journey to her new life in Australia.



- HDCT - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins next Saturday 18th January and runs until the following Saturday 25th January.

Please could we encourage you to pray for our churches and congregations, together and individually, over this period?

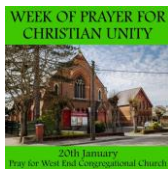
There is a prayer diary below so that we are all praying for a particular church or group on each day of the week.



18th: Haverhill Methodist Church



19th: River of Life Community Church



20th: West End Congregational Church



21st: St Felix's Roman Catholic Church



22nd: Haverhill Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship



23rd: St Mary's Anglican Church



24th: Old Independent United Reformed Church



25th: Haverhill Salvation Army

- Unclaimed Items

Whilst cleaning and tidying the kitchen and utility room numerous items were found. These have been placed on a table in the hall. Please take a look and see if any of the items belong to you. They will remain there for two Sundays and any unclaimed items will be thrown away.

Thanks, Susan Marren

- Storage Area Clearance

During the Christmas break period we have been clearing out the church storage areas in the Coffee Lounge, hall, half landing, Loft and vestry, which are full of clutter.

If you or your group store anything in the cupboards/drawers in our buildings and wish to retain it please tell me, Angela Proctor, Mick or Janet Etheridge. *Anything not claimed will be thrown out.* If you are aware of items no longer required by you or others no longer with us, again please let us know.

Thanks for your help.
John Loader.

- Kitchen/Utility Room

These areas were cleaned and tidied recently. Please note that the kitchen area is for food/drink preparation ONLY. The utility area should be used for cleaning up after any craft/painting/messy work. Please keep these areas clean and tidy.

Any questions then please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you
Susan Marren

- House Group resumes

David & Ann Frost's Kedington house group will be re-starting in the New Year. Please speak to David if you are interested in attending.

- 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.

- 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.

- Photowall

The Photowall has over 100 faces and names on it already – BUT – is your face among them? If not, you must have taken some photos over the Christmas period so please choose a good one and send it to me to add to our collection (couples together, no kids, preferably head & shoulders but I can crop if needed) to haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com.



The Photowall is really useful for getting to know who's who – not just those with particular roles but the whole church family, but for it to be really helpful we need as many people to be on it as possible.

Moses has been using it to get to know names and faces!

Many thanks, Kathy

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

• Dates for your Diary

January		
10 th	2.30pm	Funeral of Gordon Watson in church
12 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Covenant Service with HC Flowers: Win Franklin Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
14 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
15 th	10am-12	Open Mind resumes in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart resumes in the Church Hall
19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – includes infant baptism Flowers: Joyce Rinaldi Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
21 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
22 nd	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
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant Flowers: Kathy Cohen Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
29 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
February		
2 nd	10.30am	All Age Worship: Rev Moses John Flowers: Colin Smith Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
4 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
5 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
9 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Holy Communion Flowers: Kim Strowger Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
11 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
12 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
16 th	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses Flowers: Janet & Mick Etheridge Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
18 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
19 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
23 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Sandra & John Loader Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge

** If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds
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