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When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Psalm 118:5-6

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

- Charmaine

Charmaine has arrived safely at her daughter's home in Perth. Give thanks to God.



- Happy Birthday!

Freda Parker will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Tuesday 21st January. Congratulations Freda! Have a wonderful day!

- Church/Circuit Council meeting

There will be a meeting of the Church/Circuit Council on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in the church hall.

- Big Christmas Card

The total raised by the Big Christmas Card was £105. This has been donated to Boomerang Pet Foodbank, a charity which helps to keep pets & families together through hard times.

- HDCT - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on 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.



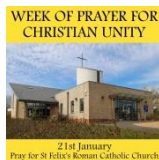
18th: Haverhill Methodist Church



19th: River of Life Community Church



20th: West End Congregational Church



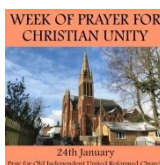
21st: St Felix's Roman Catholic Church



22nd: Haverhill Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship



23rd: St Mary's Anglican Church



24th: Old Independent United Reformed Church



25th: Haverhill Salvation Army

- Surplus items

Following our clear out of the store cupboards we have the following items which are surplus to church requirements :

piano stool (needs renovation),



30 orange chairs,



solid wooden cabinet with one internal shelf,



extending dining table and four chairs.



If you would like any of these please contact John Loader by Friday 24 January.

- 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

- 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

- 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/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.

- 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

- Haverhill Praise

This is a new praise service at West End Congregational Church, which starts on Sunday 26th January with a service at 4pm focusing on Christian Unity. The intention is for this to continue bi-monthly.

For more information, please contact George on info@haverhillpraise.org

There is also a flyer attached.

If anyone knows of a drummer who might be interested in playing with the band, please also put them in touch with George.

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



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