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Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Philippians 2:14-16a

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.

HDCT - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Saturday 18th January and runs until 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.



24th: Old Independent United Reformed Church



25th: Haverhill Salvation Army

• Congratulations!

Congratulations go to Ivy Mitchell on becoming a published author! (The following article is taken from the Haverhill Echo online)

While other children of her age are glued to their games, nine-year-old Ivy Mitchell has started early on her ambition to become a published author. Ivy wrote her children's book, Panda Party, when she was just eight years of age. The talented schoolgirl said of becoming a published author at such a young age: "I am proud of myself. I feel really proud."



When she's not writing Ivy enjoys horse riding, cooking, crafting and spending time with her friends and her mum, dad, brother Albert and their dog Coco. Ivy also loves reading and said her two favourite authors are Liz Pichon, creator of the Tom Gates series of books, and JK Rowling, writer of the Harry Potter stories.

All of her family and friends, said Ivy, are very proud of her becoming a published author and she is now considering teaming up with a schoolmate to write a book about the adventures of a smiley shark.





Party Panda is a fun and beautifully illustrated book aimed at children between the ages of four and seven and carries an important message about courtesy toward others.

The story follows Party Panda, a bear who just loves to have fun - and to stay up way past her bedtime. The problem is that her pals, Greeny Bunny, Lion, Snake, Monkey and Elephant don't share her enthusiasm for partying. Party Panda faces a big dilemma when she realises that she loves partying - but she also loves her tired friends.

Party Panda is available to buy from Amazon

Pictures: Jason Mitchell

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

• 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

• 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.

Job opportunity

If you know anyone who might be interested in this post, please pass the information on.

PART-TIME CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILY WORKER Costessey Methodist Church

Are you passionate about working with children? We have an exciting opportunity to support the vision of the church and connect with the wider community, engaging with our children, young people and families, some of whom are new to the UK.

We are looking for someone to help children and families explore the Christian faith in a creative and dynamic way in Sunday School and to enable children and young people to be fully participating members of the church and community.

This role is for 10 hours a week including Sunday every week and another 2 days to be agreed upon with some flexibility as needed. Salary is £12.60 per hour.

For further details and an application pack contact Rev Mary Sachikonye sachies@btinternet.com or 07984371441

Closing date for applications – 28th March, 2025

Interviews to be held week commencing – 7th April, 2025

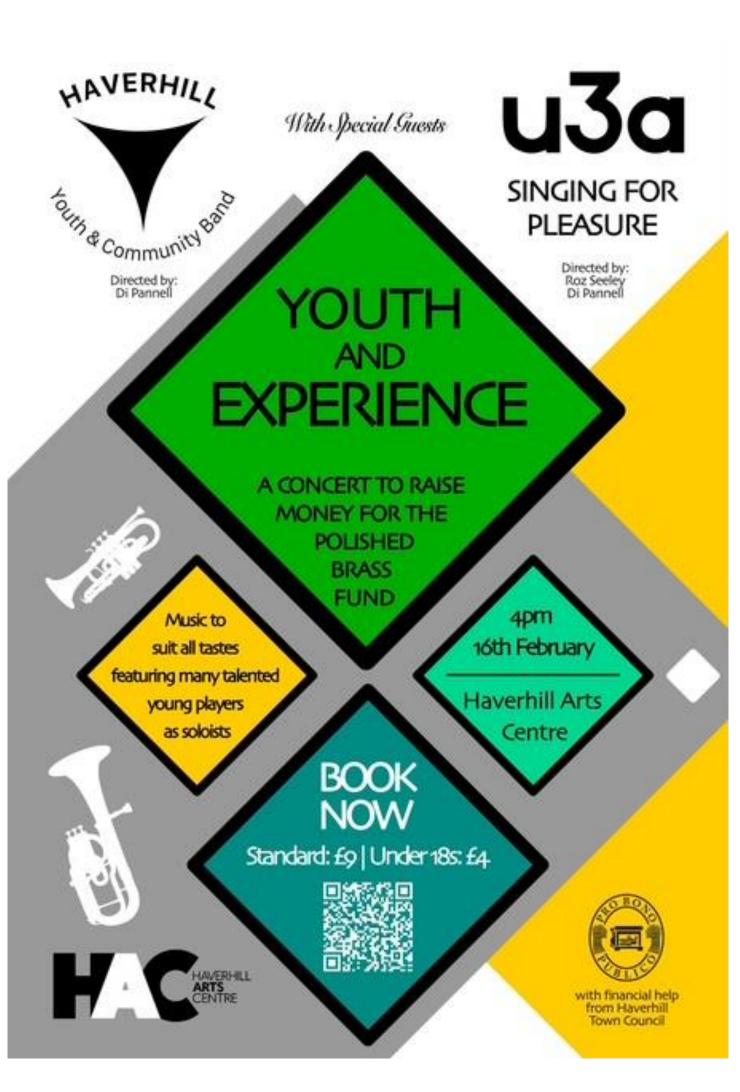
An enhanced DBS check will be required for this appointment.

The Methodist Church is an inclusive Church committed to the Safeguarding of all.

Advance Notice

On 27th & 28th March. there will be Music Exams taking place in the Church, Vestry & Coffee Lounge These areas will be unavailable for access.

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



Haverhill Praise

Sunday 26th Jan 4pm

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All Welcome

Featuring

The

Haverhill Worship Band

Venue

West End Congregational Church Hall

Withersfield Road, CB9 9LA

A time of Praise and Worship and seeking after our God.

For more info or to register interest email: info@haverhillpraise.org

Dates for your Diary

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January		
24 th	8pm -12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant Flowers: Kathy Cohen
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
	4pm	Haverhill Praise @ West End Congregational Church Hall
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		
1 st	11am	Wedding of Chiamaka & Aruna
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
7 th	8pm -12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
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
	4pm	Youth & Community Band Concert – see poster attached
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
21 st	8pm -12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
23 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Sandra & John Loader
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
25 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
26 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
March		
2 nd	10.30am	All Age Worship: Rev Moses John Flowers: Jill & Nick Wray
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
4 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
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^{*} If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds 01440 763613 or harrys62@sky.com