

GOD LOVES YOU!



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Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2

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.

- Cake Sunday

The next Cake Sunday will be on Sunday 9th February. As usual we are looking for donations of cakes. Cakes can be brought to the hall before the service and it would be helpful if you could provide an ingredients list to help those with allergies/dietary requirements.

Cake Sunday provides an opportunity for the church family to come together after the service to continue in fellowship and getting to know one another more, so please do join us.

Susan Marren

- Supporting others at no cost to you!



If anyone is shopping in Tesco over the next few weeks, please consider putting your blue tokens in the Haverhill Scout and Guide HQ fundraiser. We are hoping to get some money to go towards finishing the new building. Many thanks,
Abi, Stuart, Jack & all the leaders and young people!

- News from O'z'

Hello from down - under!

All is going well and I am so grateful for your prayers and support. It has been a heatwave here with temperatures hovering around 40-44 degrees but everywhere is beautifully air-conditioned so it's not really a problem.

Everything has to happen in a particular order here so I can't find anywhere to rent until I have an Australian bank account but I can't have that until I have a bridging visa which takes 3 months. This might raise a smile.....once I get that visa I have indefinite leave to stay, while my application is processed, which takes.....over 30 years!!! Hilarious! I have struck gold with only the 2nd church I attended! The first one looked great on their website but I left that service drained and exhausted as it was all incredibly loud and repetitive. Last Sunday I went to a local Uniting Church (which is allied to the Methodist Church) and although I didn't know any of the hymns the service was led by a lively lay preacher.

At coffee I had a chance to talk to a very nice person about my situation; when she heard about my needing to find somewhere that would allow me to continue to preach she grinned broadly, explaining that there is a shortage of preachers in Western Australia, she writes the preaching plan and could be very interested in including me! She then invited another person over to join the conversation. It turned out she is partly responsible for placing lay preachers, including those in training, right across Western Australia including Perth! Now what were the chances of that?? I believe that God was most definitely in this extraordinary encounter!

I met with this lovely lady yesterday and she is going to help me find places to preach and was also really pleased to talk about Open Mind, the Lantern Cafe and the various community events such as the Living Nativity and Find

the Sheep. The city churches are investing in new ways of doing church and she would like me to get involved, how cool is that?!

Anyway, that's my news after just 2 weeks here. I miss you and think of you every day, you will always be in my prayers.

Much love, Charmaine xx

- 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

- 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.

HAVERHILL
Youth & Community Band
Directed by:
Di Pannell

With Special Guests

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Directed by:
Raz Seeley
Di Pannell

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A CONCERT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE POLISHED BRASS FUND

Music to suit all tastes featuring many talented young players as soloists

4pm
16th February
Haverhill Arts Centre

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

Welcome Spaces

*A place where you can stop by to
speak to our advice team*

Open 2-4pm each weekday

Monday @ The Link

45A High St, Haverhill CB9 8AE

Tuesday @ West Suffolk College Building

Provincial House, 32 High St, Haverhill CB9 8AR

Wednesday @ Chalkstone Community Centre

Millfields Way, Haverhill CB9 0JB

Thursday @ Methodist Church Hall

28 Camps Rd, Haverhill CB9 8HF

Friday @ St

Mary's Church

High Street, Haverhill,
CB9 8AX



We can help with:

- Council tax reductions
- Additional financial help for pensioners
- Highlighting unclaimed support
- Options for those working or unemployed
- Free childcare/other support for parents
- Utility reductions
- Emergency food

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Registered Charity No 1169108

Reach
Community Projects

• Dates for your Diary

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
6 th	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall– see poster
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
13 th	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in 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
20 th	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in 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
27 th	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in 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
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* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds
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