

GOD LOVES YOU!



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*Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

Psalm 103:1-2

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.

- Cake Sunday 9th February – this week!!

We are looking for donations of cakes. Cakes can be brought to the hall before the service and it helps if you provide an ingredients list for 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

- News from North of the Border!

Dear Church family,

We are finally in our new home in Bonnie Scotland in the Kingdom of Fife which is a beautiful County. Our journey has been very difficult and our path

full of boulders. But we continued to travel forward with our Lord Jesus walking alongside us. Lo and behold, the path became smoother and now here we are!

Today we have blue skies and bright sunshine (how correct Susan and Derek were about Scotland)

As in Haverhill, the people here have been so welcoming and friendly. However, we miss you all sooo much and enjoy seeing the online service where we can recognise everyone and remain close to you all in spirit. You will all remain closely within our hearts and we look forward to joining you when we visit Haverhill in the future.

Our Lord Jesus led us to a very old and quaint Baptist church in the village of Leslie. We would describe it as a miniature of HMC. We tend to sit in similar positions as we did previously sitting next to Keith.

We do miss the beautiful flower arrangements that brighten up HMC each week and arranged so lovingly and faithfully by Sue and Mary.

We send our grateful thanks to Moses, Kim and family, all your faithful stewards and the wonderful church family who brightened up our lives each week. Also, many thanks for your support, the lovely cards and best wishes. This has meant so much to us.

With love and many Blessings



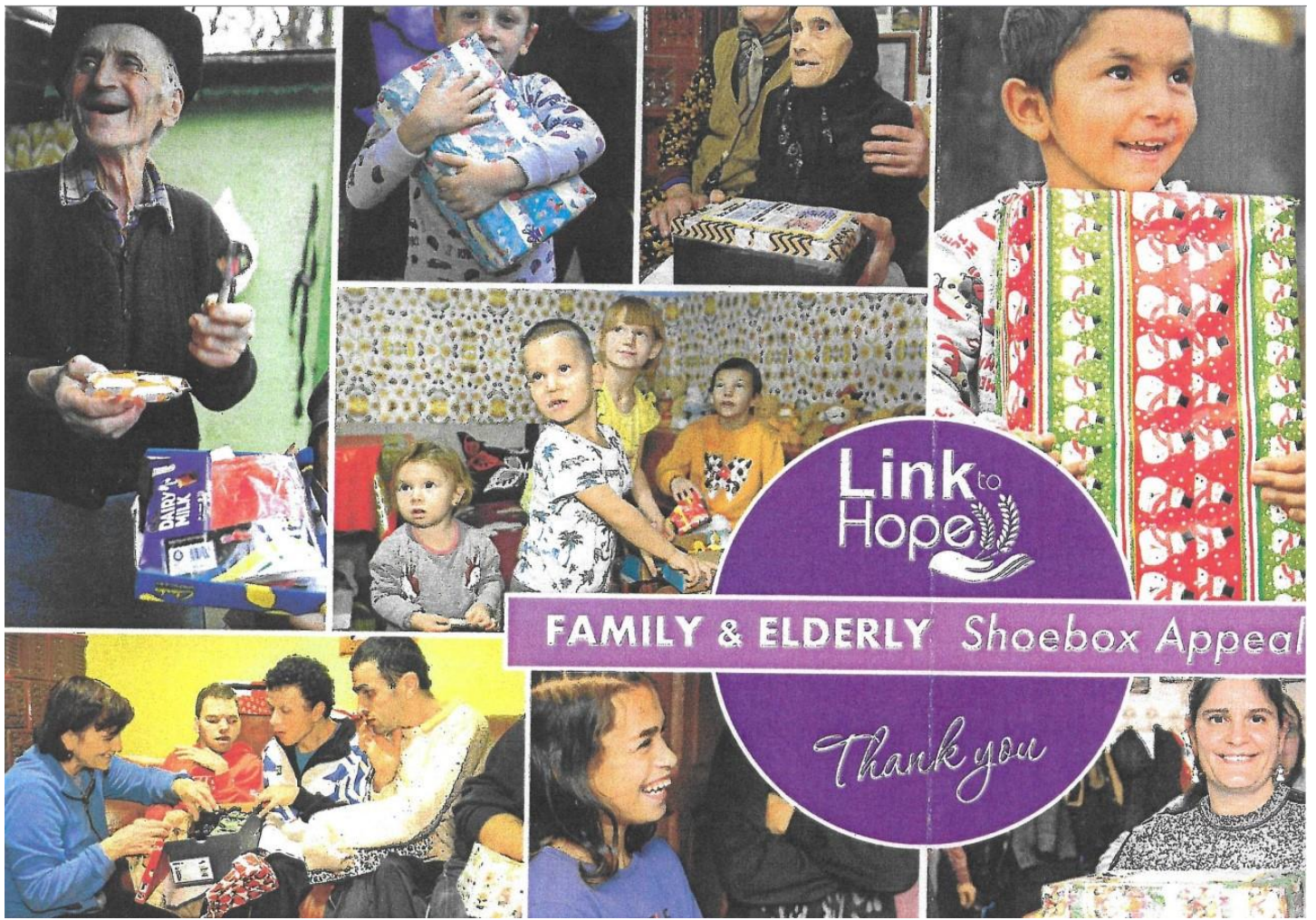
Jacqueline, Stefan and Bobby.

- 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!

- Link to Hope




Link to Hope for 2024 sent just over 25,600 boxes to families and the elderly.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed new year.

Vivien

- A new venture in our Church Hall



Little Tots
Baby & Toddler Group

Join us every Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am for our Baby & Toddler Group at the Methodist Church Hall in Camps Road, Haverhill, CB9 8HF. £4 per family includes juice, hot drinks and a snack.

This welcoming and friendly group is a wonderful opportunity for parents, caregivers, and their little ones to socialise, play, and learn in a supportive environment. Whether you're looking to make new friends, exchange parenting tips, or simply enjoy some quality time with your child, this group offers a range of activities designed to engage and entertain.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- Grapevine Contributions

The theme of the next edition of Grapevine, the District magazine, will be 'Moving Forward'.

We would like to hear about the wonderful things happening within and around the District which are 'moving you forward', be this as a church member, a church, or a circuit.

Through this edition of grapevine, we are inviting churches to tell us about

something new that you have done in the past year or are planning to do in the coming year. Are you learning or have you learnt a new skill that may help you to move forward in your role within the District or as a church member?

If you are church member and have retired from work or your church role, do you have anything exciting planned?

There are so many wonderful examples of how we as a District are 'moving forward' and we would really welcome you to send over articles that you think fit this theme, so we can share this with others.

If you would like to contribute an article that relates to this theme, or know of anyone else who might do, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text) if they are available. The deadline for articles is Monday 10th March but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive, and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and kind regards
Ms Danielle Gravestock
District Administrator
office@eangliamethodist.org.uk

- 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

- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors are on the streets **tonight**, Friday 7th February, from 8pm to midnight. Please keep them in your prayers and support those who bring this important ministry to our streets.

If you are interested in becoming part of this aspect of God's work in our town please speak to Kathy, Angela Proctor, David Payne, Phoebe, Mary Thake, Pat Shanks, Dot Parker, Sarah Glasswell, Paula Tappin or Jack Tappin, we can all tell you about our experiences as home prayers, base leaders or actually being out on the streets. Or contact the chairman, Ian Levett.



- 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.

- Job opportunity

Circuit Administrator Vacancy

We are seeking to recruit a part-time Circuit Administrator for the Cambridge Methodist Circuit. As well as covering the beautiful University City of Cambridge - home to two universities - we also extend out to Royston and include several villages. As well as eight Methodist Churches, we also cover three Local Ecumenical Partner churches; each church faithfully seeking to serve their communities.

We are looking for a person with excellent administration and communication skills. An ability to work as part of a team is essential and flexible working alongside the circuit team is required.

A full list of responsibilities is available on request in our application pack.

A satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service will be required.

Outline of main T&Cs

Hours of work: 18 hours per week, with a pattern of work to be agreed with your Line Manager; to include some evening work at circuit meetings.

Rate of pay: £15.95 per hour

Location: Flexible between home and office space based at Wesley Methodist Church, Christ's Pieces, Cambridge.

For more information or an application pack, please contact

Revd Rose Westwood rose.westwood@methodist.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 28th March 2025

Interviews to be held week commencing 7th April 2025

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

HAVERHILL

Youth & Community Band

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Di Pannell

With Special Guests

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Directed by:
Raz Seeley
Di Pannell

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16th February

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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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Community Projects

• Dates for your Diary

February		
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
14 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
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	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
	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
28 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
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)
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
7 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
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* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds
01440 763613 or harrys62@sky.com