

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

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

- Young at Heart Group

Once again we have been asked by St Nicholas Hospice to take part in their knitting project, which should hit the shops around April/May, The theme this year is flowers. Any shape any size any colour, knitted or crochet. We have plenty of oddments of wool. There are plenty of patterns on the internet, I have a few. We have been asked to do the larger display which will go in the windows – these are Sunflowers – they are all going to be the same colour, which means we have had to purchase quite a large amount of wool – if you are unable to knit or crochet, then maybe you could help by donating some money towards the cost of the wool. Thank you - Janet

- 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!

- Can you design a website?

If you have looked at our website recently you'll have noticed that it's not very well!

We are looking for someone to build us a new website from scratch.

If you have the skills and the time to help with this, please speak to Moses or Kathy.

(Also, if you have the skills to get our current website back to full health in the meantime, please speak to one of us.)

- A new venture in our Church Hall

A colorful poster for the Little Tots Baby &amp; Toddler Group. At the top is a large, multi-colored rainbow arching over two light blue clouds. Below the clouds, the text "Little Tots" is written in a large, bold, blue font, with "Baby &amp; Toddler Group" in a smaller, bold, blue font underneath. The background is a solid yellow color. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "Join us every Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am for our Baby &amp; Toddler Group at the Methodist Church Hall in Camps Road, Haverhill, CB9 8HF. £4 per family includes juice, hot drinks and a snack." Below this is another paragraph: "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." At the bottom, the text "We look forward to seeing you there!" is centered. On either side of this text are two stacks of colorful alphabet blocks (A, B, C) with various patterns and colors.

- Grapevine – District magazine - 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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  
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- 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](mailto: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 next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 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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SINGING FOR PLEASURE  
Directed by:  
Raz Seeley  
Di Pannell

**YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE**  
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

**BOOK NOW**  
Standard: £9 | Under 18s: £4

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with financial help from Haverhill Town Council

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto: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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**Reach**  
Community Projects

• Dates for your Diary

<b>February</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell      Flowers: Sandra & John Loader Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
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<b>March</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	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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