# 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 <u>kathy.cohen@btinternet.com</u> (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!

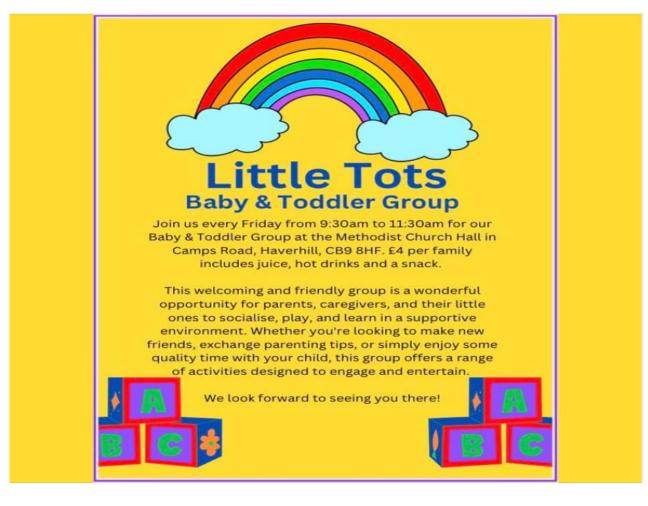
### • Can you design a website?

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



• 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 office@eangliamethodist.org.uk

### <u>Car Park</u>

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 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

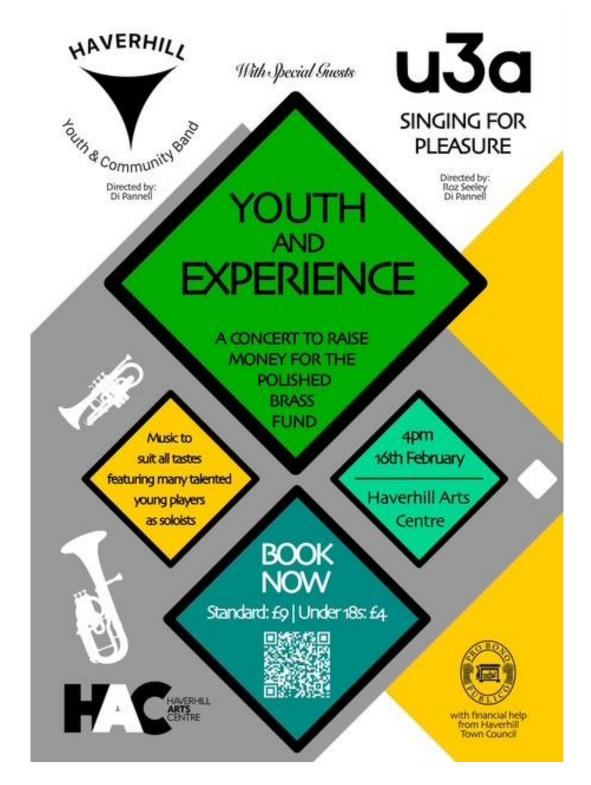




leaders or actually being out on the streets. Or contact the chairman, Ian Levett.

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.



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

# We can help with: A place where you can stop by to speak to our advice team Welcome Spaces Open 2-4pm each weekday

Monday 
The Link 45A High St, Haverhill CB9 8AE

Council tax reductions

Additional financial help for pensioners

Highlighting unclaimed support

Options for those working or

unemployed

Provincial House, 32 High St, Haverhill CB9 8AR Tuesday 
Mest Suffolk College Building

Millfields Way, Haverhill CB9 0JB Wednesday @ Chalkstone Community Centre

Thursday 
Methodist Church Hall

28 Camps Rd, Haverhill CB9 8HF

support for parents

Free childcare/other

Utility reductions

Emergency food

Mary's Church High Street, Haverhill,

Friday a St

CB9 8AX

ReachCP.org.uk/WelcomeSpaces

Reach 👘 🛉 👘 Community Projects

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

0800 009 6710

Registered Charity No 1169108



# Dates for your Diary

February		
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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March		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	All Age Worship: Rev Moses John Flowers: Jill & Nick Wray
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
4 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
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		Flowers: Keith Barker
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\* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds 01440 763613 or <u>harrys62@sky.com</u>