

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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## Connect Issue 248

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

*Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

*Psalm 73:25-26*

**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.

- Lent study – last call to sign up!!!

There will be a Lent Study called 'Living Faith', every Monday @ 10.30am in person at church beginning on 10<sup>th</sup> March followed by a soup lunch.

This will be repeated on Wednesday @ 7.30pm on Zoom

Please sign up asap on the form in church or, if you can't get to a service to sign the form, email [haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com](mailto:haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com) with your name and whether you wish to attend Monday in person or Wednesday on Zoom.

- Date for your diary

We will be holding an "International Food Evening" on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Bring, share and experience a variety of food that represents and celebrates the various cultures that make up our amazing family of Haverhill Methodist Church.

So pop the date in your diary for this wonderful event. More details will be given in due course.

Susan Marren

- Haverhill & District Churches Together News and Events

- World Day of Prayer – TODAY!!

Friday 7th March at 4pm at St Felix's

Join with Churches Together to pray with Christians from the Cook Islands about important issues in the world today. Please contact Linda Pector if you would like to be involved. There is a poster at the end of this issue of Connect with more information.

- Prayer Conference with David Kunihira

Saturday 15th March from 9.30am at River of Life

A prayer conference with guest speaker David Kunihira and worship band Arc Sydenham, focusing on Isaiah's prophecy to build a 'house of prayer for all nations'. Please register for free tickets using the poster at the end of this issue of Connect.

- Induction of Chris Kemshell as Pastor of OIC

Saturday 22nd March at 2pm at the Old Independent

We welcome Chris Kemshell, pastor of Linton Free Church, to be also the new pastor of the Old Independent and work half of his time in Haverhill.

- Concert with Haverhill Singers: 'The Armed Man'

Saturday 22nd March at 7pm at St Mary's

The Haverhill Singers perform Karl Jenkins's 'the Armed Man: a Mass for Peace' alongside a small orchestra. Tickets and more details available via the poster at the end of this issue of Connect.

- 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!

- Opportunity to serve the Community

Sense, the deaf-blind charity, are looking for volunteers to work in their Haverhill shop on Jubilee Walk. If you are interested in serving the community in this way please see the poster at the end of this edition of Connect for more details.

- 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 this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10am – Walk of Witness from OIC, Hamlet Road to Market Square. More details nearer the date

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

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 Friday 7 March

A service for everyone!

*"I made you wonderful"*

You are invited to the World Day of Prayer Service

in **ST FELIX CHURCH,**  
**PRINCESS WAY, HAVERHILL, CB9 9BP**

on **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 – 4.00 P.M.**

*followed by light refreshments.*

*Please come and share in this global ecumenical service  
written and produced by the women of the Cook Islands.*

*We would appreciate it if one or two members of your church  
community would be willing to read in the service.*

*If so please send their contact details to Linda Pector at  
[linda.pector@gmail.com](mailto:linda.pector@gmail.com) by February 24<sup>th</sup> so that we can send  
the readings to give the readers time to prepare. Thank you.*

**Cook Islands** *I made you wonderful*



**INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION**

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

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# RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH



MARCH 15TH, 2025



Guest speaker

**DAVIS KUNIHIRA**

## *Prayer Conference*

**“My house shall be called a house  
of prayer for all nations”.**

**Isaiah 56:7**



WORSHIP BAND,  
ARC SYDENHAM



From 9:30-1 pm  
Chalkstone Community Center  
CB9 0JB

For more details please  
contact:

[henry.wilson@rolcc.org.uk](mailto:henry.wilson@rolcc.org.uk)



*Haverhill*  
*Singers*

and



**PRESENTS**

Karl Jenkins'  
extraordinary opus:

# The ARMED MAN

A Mass For Peace

**St Mary's Church, High St,  
Haverhill, CB9 8AX.**

**22nd March 2025 @ 7pm**



scan to book  
on-line

**Tickets on the door at £15\***

**Or book on-line**

**@[www.haverhillsingers.org](http://www.haverhillsingers.org)**

**Call: 07702 310044**

**or 07765 087424**

**\*Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.**

# 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

SCAN ME



0800 009 6710

[info@reachhaverhill.org.uk](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)

[ReachCP.org.uk/Welcomespaces](http://ReachCP.org.uk/Welcomespaces)

Registered Charity No 1169108

**Reach**  
Community Projects





# Volunteer in our shop and help change lives

## If you....

- Want to learn retail skills
- Would like to make new friends
- Have a spare morning or afternoon
- Want to make a real difference to someone's life

**Then your support is needed!**

 [www.sense.org.uk](http://www.sense.org.uk)

Charity number 289868

**SENSE CHARITY SHOP**

**Haverhill**

**5-7 Jubilee Walk**

**Haverhill**

**Suffolk**

**CB9 8DA**

**Tel: 01440 761196**

**Email: [haverhill@sense.org.uk](mailto:haverhill@sense.org.uk)**

 **sense**  
connecting sight, sound and life

<b>March</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
	4pm	World Day of Prayer at St Felix Church – see poster
	8pm -12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Holy Communion First Sunday in Lent Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge Flowers: Keith Barker
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12	Lent Study1 in Church Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study 1 on Zoom
13 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-1pm	Prayer Conference at River of Life Church – see poster
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Gavin Payne - Lent 2 Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge Flowers: Jo & Tom Seljame
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12	Lent Study 2 in Church Hall
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
	7.30pm	Lent Study 2 on Zoom
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
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm	Induction of Chris Kemshell as pastor at OIC – see above
	7pm	Haverhill Singers present ‘The Armed Man’ – see poster
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Lent 3 Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs Archibald
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12	Lent Study 3 in Church Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
26 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study 3 on Zoom
27 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge Flowers: Freda Parker
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am-12	Lent Study 4 in Church Hall
<b>April</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)

\* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds  
01440 763613 or [harrys62@sky.com](mailto:harrys62@sky.com)