

GOD LOVES YOU!



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But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children – with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Psalm 103:17-18

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 200 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 takes place on Sunday 23rd March. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes. They can be either homemade or shop bought. We are looking for 'finger, bite size' cakes. Please supply a list of ingredients to assist people with allergies/intolerances.

Many thanks

Susan Marren

- Music Exams

On 27th & 28th March there will be Music Exams taking place in the Church, Vestry & Coffee Lounge These areas will be unavailable for access.

- Messy Church – could you be involved?

We are planning to hold an Easter Messy Church event on Sunday 13th April, 4-6pm. We really need some more helpers – with crafts, in the kitchen, making Easter gardens. There are many ways you could be involved. Please contact Claire if you would like to help.

Claire@evans-mail.co.uk

Booking information will come out next week!

Many thanks

Claire

- Can you read? Can you pray?

As you are probably aware, scripture readings and prayers for others in our Sunday services run on a rota basis with volunteers.

We are coming towards the end of the current rota and we have lost a number people through moving away, illness, age and other reasons. So we are looking for volunteers to join the lists.

No one is on rota for the first Sunday in the month as this is always covered by the young people.

For the readings you will probably only be on the rota a couple of times a year. Your reading will be emailed to you with at least 24-hours notice, usually longer, and the words will be printed in an easy to read format ready to pick up from behind the sound desk on Sunday morning.

For the prayers you will be on rota more often, but the more volunteers we get, the less often you will be needed! You will need to write your own or find something suitable on the internet or from a book, or a mixture of both. You can have responses (which can be put on screen provided you let us know before Sunday) or not as you wish. Some people incorporate specific recent news events or the preacher's theme, others are more general. It's up to you.

If you feel you could serve God and the church in either of these roles, or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on 01440 762536 or

kathy.cohen@btinternet.com

Many thanks, Kathy

- Food, Glorious Food!

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

- 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.

- Dates of Haverhill Praise at West End Congregational Church, all at 4pm:

March 23rd

May 11th

July 20th

Sep 28th

Nov 30th

Note that the next of these is this Sunday.

- Watoto Choir Concerts



The Watoto Childrens Choir are currently on a tour of the UK. Locally they will be performing in Colchester (25th April), Bury St Edmunds (26th April) & Cambridge (27th April – 2 shows). Find out more [here](#).

Tickets, which are FREE, can be obtained through Eventbrite [here](#).

- [Breathe Women's Conference](#)



More details & book tickets [here](#).

- [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!

- [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.

- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors are on the streets this Friday 21st 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

Friday 18th 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



*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

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

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info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

ReachCP.org.uk/WelcomeSpaces

Registered Charity No 1169108



Community Projects

Downs Baptist Chapel Haverhill

downsbaptisthaverhill.org.uk

Service of Thanksgiving to the Lord
for 1975-2025 pastoral oversight

God willing on
Saturday April 26th
at 2.30pm

when
Mr Peter Chapman
(Baldock Baptist Church)
will lead worship

There will be refreshments afterwards
in the Garden Annexe

Offerings of the day for the Salisbury Reformed Seminary

A warm welcome awaits you

Would appreciate a call to Daphne
on 07570 101104 if you are thinking
of coming as it will be helpful for catering!

- Dates for your Diary

March		
21 st	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
22 nd	2pm	Induction of Chris Kemshell as pastor at OIC – see above
	7pm	Haverhill Singers present 'The Armed Man' – see poster
23 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Lent 3 Flowers: Mr & Mrs Archibald Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
24 th	10.30am-12	Lent Study 3 in Church Hall
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
	7.30pm	Lent Study 3 on Zoom
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
30 th	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday Flowers: Freda Parker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
31 st	10.30am-12	Lent Study 4 in Church Hall
April		
1 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
2 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study 4 on Zoom
3 rd	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
4 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
6 th	10.30am	All Age Worship: Peter Barton – Adopt-a-Child - Lent 5 Flowers: Sue & Stephen Symonds Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
7 th	10.30am-12	Lent Study 5 in Church Hall
8 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
9 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study 5 on Zoom
10 th	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
11 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
13 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – Palm Sunday Flowers: Liz Garwood Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge

* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds
01440 763613 or harrys62@sky.com