



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

*Romans 12:12*

**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 80 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](#).

- Requirements on Face Coverings

Since last Friday it is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering in a place of worship and ancillary buildings (i.e. in church, in the church hall and church premises).

We shall continue to wear face coverings when singing, except for those leading the singing or leading worship.

Face coverings are not required in Next Door as it is a cafe, but customers and staff may still choose to wear a face covering when not eating or drinking.

Exemptions apply - for example children under 11, people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, people for whom putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause severe distress.

Full details can be found on the Methodist Church website on the link below

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/>

- Sound system issues

We are aware that some are finding it difficult to hear what is being said during Sunday services.

### **Hearing aid users**

There is no hearing aid loop this week. Please continue to use your hearing aid as usual without changing to the loop setting. New equipment has been ordered and will be installed as soon as available. Thank you for your patience

- Sunday 19th December 10.30am – Christingle All-age worship

We hope you can join us for our Christingle service on Sunday 19th December, led by Sarah with support from Peter.

The service will include the opportunity to make your own Christingle orange. It is always a fun experience and a joyful time. We hope you can join us.

- Advent Tree Of Remembrance

This Advent and Christmas, in addition to our church Christmas tree, a small illuminated cherry blossom tree will again appear in our church entrance.

This will become our prayer tree of remembrance for our loved ones who have died whom we remember and think about at Christmas. You are invited to write their name and any message on the label provided and hang it from one of the tree branches.

The tree will be lit up during our Advent and Christmas services. We receive the glad tidings of comfort and joy this Christmas.

- Big Christmas Card

There is a 'Big Christmas Card' available **in the Church Hall** during December, for everyone to write their messages to the fellowship. Donations from the money saved by not sending individual cards will be given to the REACH Winter Crisis fund.

- Church Membership

If you would be interested in exploring Church Membership, please speak to our minister Peter and he would be pleased to have a conversation with you.

- Haverhill Prayer Walk Project

Thank you to those who have responded to the Haverhill Prayer Walking project which we heard about from Bill Reynolds last Sunday morning.

If you would like to be involved you can contact Bill at

[bill.reynolds@rolcc.org.uk](mailto:bill.reynolds@rolcc.org.uk)

A reminder that the project will launch at the Salvation Army on Sunday 9th January at 1.30pm when the prayer walkers will be commissioned and sent out.

- Prayer Diary for December & January

Apart from the Sunday services here are some other dates to pray for:-

### December

24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Family Service

### January 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Bring 'n' Share Lunch

20<sup>th</sup> Church/Circuit Meeting

### Extra Prayer Topics

*Peter, Jo and family* - Pray for Peter as he continues to lead us through this time of considerable change and uncertainty. Pray he will be guided by the Lord to bring us hope and to deepen our faith Give thanks for the support he receives from Jo and ask the Lord to bless them as a family.

*Church & Circuit Steward & Local Preachers* Pray for those who support Peter in the practical and spiritual running of this Church especially in this challenging time of change. Pray for those bringing the Word of God to us each Sunday that we may all be blessed and our faith will deepen. Pray for the need for an extra Circuit Steward.

*Volunteers needed* – There are many areas of church life where volunteers are needed:-

*Next Door* – to assist in café

*Lantern* – helpers needed

*Sunday Club* – more leaders needed

*Illuminate* – Illuminate has new members. Ages range from 11-18 years. More leaders needed so that this group can be split into smaller age groups. Also God's guidance is needed to know how to meet the needs of the 16+ group.

*Coffee rota* – to assist making coffee after morning worship

*Town Pastors* – More pastors and prayers are still required.

*Open mind*- Give thanks for those who have offered to be helpers. Open Mind meets each Wednesday from 10am -12noon

*Reach* – Volunteers needed to assist in various aspects of this work. Give thanks for recent funding promised. Pray the staff will not be overwhelmed as the workload increases and that the right staff will be found to fill new posts.

Please pray for the right people to come forward to fill each of these positions.

*Revival* - Pray for the Lord's visitation upon this Church in power as He has promised.

*Our Fellowship* - Pray for those in our fellowship who are going through difficult times. Pray the Lord will meet them at their point of need. Pray for peace and healing.

### **Haverhill Methodist Church Christmas Quiz 2021**

This quiz is designed to stretch your little grey cells after the mince pies and turkey have gone down. Remember I love playing with words and if you have spotted an awful pun then you have probably found the correct answer.

Best wishes. I pray you have a blessed Christmas. Ken Nicholls

#### **Round 1 Christmas Festivities**

1. When is the feast of St Stephen?
2. When was the first Christmas card sent? (within 5 years)
3. When was December 25<sup>th</sup> set as the date for Christmas Day?

4. From where does the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square come and why?
5. Where was 'good King Wenceslas' king?
6. Why is December 26<sup>th</sup> called Boxing Day?
7. What does the word 'advent' mean?
8. What was the religion of the Wise men?
9. Who worked for Ebenezer Scrooge?
10. Who (probably) was Santa Claus?
11. Bonus question  
What is Rudolph's favourite weather?

### **Round 2 What's in a name?**

The answers to all these cryptic clues are first names- sometimes the shortened version. They are intended to be puns or similar!!

Usual gender is clarified by the M or F at the end as are the number of letters and initial letter. (i.e. M 3 B = Male 3 letters starting with B)

- 1) Moves up and down in the waves. (M 3 B)
- 2) Has a seagull on his head. (M 5 C)
- 3) Was working in the garden. (M 4 D)
- 4) It takes 2 to make a drum. (M 3 T)
- 5) Sets fire to an IOU (F 10 B)
- 6) ..... lifeboats, we're sinking (F 5 M)
- 7) '..... saints go marching in.' (F 5 W)
- 8) Stood up in the flowers (F 4 R)
- 9) Rather clingy. (F 3 I)
- 10) An academic. (M 3 D)
- 11) Starts the year off well. (F 3 J)
- 12) Good at DIY. (M 4 A)
- 13) ..... wooden with green leaves and branches. (F 6or7 T)

- 14) Quite a beam of sunshine. (M 3 R)
- 15) Very useful at holding back the water. (M 4 A)
- 16) Often gets the needle. Sew what? (M 4 F)

### Round 3 Punny Creatures

Gaps have to be completed by the name of a creature. Beware puns. The number of letters and initial letter are shown at the end of each question.

e.g. He was feeling depressed, so his friend told him to ---- up  
(4B) Answer:- BEAR

- 1) You are not telling the truth. You are ----- through your teeth. (4L)
- 2) This is a com-----ively easy question (6P)
- 3) It is time for the 10 o'clock -----s. (3G)
- 4) He flew to Rio de Janeiro because he wanted to -----zil (5Z)
- 5) Only a ---ard would run away from that! (3C)
- 6) Would you try and -----n old man out of his savings? (7C)
- 7) If you shout too much in the Shetland Islands, you become a little ----- (5H)
- 8) Take time and think about it, my boy. Only ----- if you are sure you want to own it. (5B)
- 9) He: I don't agree with the forecast of precipitation.  
She: Don't argue with the Met. Office. They know -----  
(8R)
- 10) The water retaining earthworks in Holland are known as the ----- dam (7H)
- 11) While looking at the diamond, one thief said to the other 'G----- and run.' (6R)
- 12) You can always rely on him to be on time. He is -----ly dependable (5O)

- 13) The abominable snowman has gone away ----- may come back (4Y)
- 14) He was looking for his wife and ----- on the other side of the street. (6S)
- 15) Quickly raising the a----- llowed the police to catch the thief. (5L)
- 16) 'You ----ade for me.' (Freddie and the Dreamers) (4W)
- 17) '----- chanted evening.' (6S)
- 18) '----- meet again.' (5W)
- 19) I see you do not like the beef or lamb. Is it ----- for? (9P)
- 20) We should not ----- to the lowest tastes. (5P)
- 21) The prospector found a large nugget of gold and ---- -oor no more. (4W)
- 22) I- ---ses are so good, why do some people rent houses? (4F)
- 23) Digging in the fierce sun is such h----- (8A)
- 24) When the Rockefellers stopped buying here, the shop l----- customers (70)
- 25) I -----ume you came here to support Haverhill Methodist Church! (3A)

#### Round 4 Nursery Rhymes

These are the first letters of the words of first lines of nursery lines. Back to your childhood as you try to work them out.

1. DFWTGIASOR
2. BBBSHYAW
3. LBPHLHSADKWTFT
4. LMMSOAT

5. RACHTBC
6. TGODOYHHTTM
7. OALSTBOSC
8. MHALLIFWWAS
9. RABBOTTT
10. OTBMY.TFKATD
11. GPPAPKTGAMTC
12. RARORAPFOP
13. HDDTMRUTC
14. IWSCTWS
15. HDDTCATF
16. HDSOAW
17. LLLHP,KFFI
18. LBBCBUYH
19. DDBPITW
20. WWWRTTT
21. LPFSATC
22. OMHWTTTC
23. LBDDLG
24. TTLS
25. BAGCOTP
26. DDDMSJ
27. GGGWSIW
28. HABBOTTT
29. IHALNTNWIB
30. JAJWUTH
31. JSWENF
32. MMQCHDYGG
33. PPTKO
34. PPWHYB?
35. SASOSAPFOR
36. TMTMTBAFP



37. TTTPS
38. TBMTBMSHTR
39. TLDBSOAW
40. TWAOWWLIAS

### Round 5 The Garden love-letter

In this tragic letter, can you spot all the names of things that might grow in the garden? 43 in all

Aloe beloved Rosemary,

I rue the fact that for o nigh on 20 years, I have observed your charms that have bamboozled me and I canna keep my silence any more. At this age, I can hold my emotions at bay no longer. They cannot be kept in a box. As you see I am not a mad bull rushing into things but I need my heartsease and I implore you to relieve all my saffron. I beg you, kumquat may to give me rest. Is there broom in your life for me? Do we have a fuchsia together? Forget-me-not and take stock of your position. I hop yew can cedar way clear to grant my wishes and squash me into your life so that soon you will be plantain your beautiful two lips against mine. You cannot comprehend just how poplar you will be! It will be a real turnip for the books if you will. There is a whole host a reasons why you should refuse but my heart-lies-bleeding and I trust there will be thyme for you to make us one before we are much alder. Aster way to make me happy. Remember phlox of people have done this in the past; you can sedum everywhere. I promise you that I will bee true to you and you will be the apple of my eye. We would make a wonderful pear. It has taken great courage to write this for I have long mint to declare my love but never wanted to rhus into things. I in cistus should marry and o live together in perfect bliss. O lettuce soon be joined. Acer sure way to be happy ever after.

Your devoted  
Sweet William

- Dates to remember:

17 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell All Age & Christingle Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion (till 12.15am)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Christmas Day family Service
26 <sup>th</sup>		No morning or evening services
31 <sup>st</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
<b>January</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	All Age Worship followed by Bring & Share lunch
5 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Covenant Service with Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
14 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade
19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
21 <sup>st</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30-8pm	Church New Year Party in hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter
26 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
28 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter

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