

GOD LOVES YOU!



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*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1
Thessalonians 5:16-18*

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 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.

- [Information for this Sunday's All Age Worship](#)

The all age service this week will focus on 'new beginnings' as it will be the start of a new school term next week.

The children and young people are invited to bring their school bag or pencil case with them to the service to be blessed. Adults are invited to bring something along that represents any recent or upcoming new starts too.

Can you think of a few people in the Bible that God gave a new start to? Bring your ideas along!

Thanks,
Sarah

- Greetings to you all from Jersey!

Just a little message to let you know how we are getting on... we had a very smooth ferry crossing on the 7th and moved into the manse on the 9th. All went well with getting our furniture in and the house is almost all unpacked now so it is looking like a home.

We have had quite a lot of paperwork, various car/tax/residency registrations to complete and probably one of the last things to do is to get local Jersey plates put on the car... but that's okay because we get a lot of extra 'grace' on the roads as locals think we are tourists! No speeding here though as the speed limit in most places is 30 mph and on one stretch of road, on the only dual carriageway, you are allowed to do 40mph!!

So yes, life has slowed down for us these last few weeks but that is all to change as I start work today; pastorally in charge of 4 churches and also chaplain to a local Christian hotel called The Biarritz. I am looking forward to meeting folk and getting to know them and I am also interested in what God has in store for us all.

Jo was successful in getting a job with the Government at the International Cultural Centre and starts in a few weeks time - it was an interview she will never forget as it was done on Zoom, sat in an empty room at the manse on our last day in Haverhill!! She is looking forward to starting and meeting new people and James got a job within 4 days of being here. Sally settled straight into her new job and is enjoying her work too.

We are very thankful for your prayers as they are getting answered and we have a lot to be thankful to God for. Thank you too for the many 'New Home' cards and greetings.

Life is very different here but we are enjoying the new differences... such as filter-in-turn roundabouts & junctions, the many miles of Green Lanes which are single track lanes (great for walking & to be avoided in the car), delicious Jersey milk & butter, getting our milk in a litre glass bottle from a dispenser at the Co-op, going out for the day and preparing for EVERY kind of weather except for snow, learning how to pronounce the street names which are mostly French but some have a unique Jersey way of pronunciation!

We miss you and think of you all often, praying that God continues to guide, strengthen and sustain you under the leadership of Rev Andy Burrows.

Happy Methodist New Year to you all!

With all our love,

Peter, Jo, James and Sally.

- [Link to Hope shoeboxes 2023](#)

We are launching this year's shoe box appeal on Sunday 3rd September. Boxes need to be completed by Sunday 22nd October. More details and information on Sunday.
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- [Young at Heart](#)

Young at Heart will re-open on September 6th, 1-3pm in the Church Hall.

Come along and meet friends, play games, do some craft or just have a cuppa and a chat.

All Welcome!

- [Sponsored Bike Ride Saturday 9 September](#)

The annual sponsored bike ride will take place on the second Saturday in September.

Half of the money raised returns to our church funds and half goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Sandra and John have sponsor forms for anyone who would like to ride or walk between churches. You can sponsor the Brittens in person or via their "Just Giving" page online (see below).

We are also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists to our church on the day, to sign their forms and offer refreshments. Please let us know if you can help for a one or two hour session.

Thanks, Sandra and John Loader

We, Abi, Stuart, Luke & Jake, will be taking part in Ride and Stride again this year, walking rather than cycling due to Jake's recent arm fracture.

I have set up a just giving page for anyone who would like to sponsor us.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/abigail-britten-1690992060889>

Many thanks. Abi

- [HDCT Harvest Event 16th September @ 10am](#)

We are working with Reach to put on a Harvest act of worship on the Market Square. There will be a simple service at 10am with music from Thom and Nicola from River of Life Church and a message from Henry from Reach. It would be great to have a good congregation for this, so please do come down and support if you are able.

We will also be giving out bags of fruit as a blessing to anyone passing by. These will have a verse of scripture on and a link to the Churches Together website encouraging people to find out more. *Volunteers to hand out bags would be welcome.* (And we have Paul Firman's blessing for this too, so we aren't detracting from his stall!)

Although Reach will have some information available about how to access or support their services, we are not planning to collect food donations at this event. The service is designed to reflect on the generosity of God and to be an act of giving to people. If people wish to donate, we hope that individual churches might collect at their own Harvest services, or people can use the drop-off points in local supermarkets. St Mary's will also be open that Saturday morning and there is a drop-off point there too.

- Bring & Share lunches

There will be no Bring & Share lunches until November 5th.

September 10th – Sunday Club Anniversary picnic on the Rec
October 1st – Harvest Lunch

- Worship at the Meadows Care Home

The following dates have been confirmed:

Sunday 24th September/Sunday 29th October/Sunday 26th November

If you would like to join in with this, please meet at 2.45pm in the foyer of the Meadows.

Talk to Alan Carney for more details. 01284 735214/07713 597956

- Prayer Manual 2023/24

Ken will shortly be ordering the prayer manual for the new Methodist Year.

The prayer manual has lots of information about the life of the Methodist Church worldwide with suggestions for prayer for each day of the month. A very useful resource.

If we order 10 or more we get them at £4 each (20% off), so sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard asap.

- Wanted:

Sunday Club are in need of some more helpers willing to join our team. We aim for helpers to be on the rota once a month. There is

no preparation beforehand, just supporting the leaders on the day. We have spaces in all 3 groups - Splash (3-7), XStream (7-11) and Grid (11+). Please speak to Claire if you would be interested or would like more information.

Sunday Club would also appreciate any donations of rolls of wallpaper.

- Bible study house groups

We are looking at starting house groups again. These could be during the day or an evening. If anyone is interested in running/leading a house group or attending one, please would you speak to Janet Etheridge, Heather Nicholls or Angela Proctor. Thank you.

Blessings,
Janet, Heather & Angela

- EDI Training - reminder

The Methodist Church is committed to justice, dignity and solidarity. A new online Methodist training programme on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) is now available and open to all. The 2021 Methodist Conference agreed that this ***EDI training would be mandatory for those holding certain key roles in the church, including ministers, local preachers, safeguarding officers, circuit stewards, church stewards and pioneers.*** Those expected to complete the training are required to do this before **December 31st 2023**. More information, including how to register for the training can be found on the Methodist Church website. Here is the direct link <https://mcb.theologyx.com/course/equality-diversity-and-inclusion-foundation-module/>

For those who are undertaking EDI training, please note that Jacqueline Stewart has agreed to keep a local record of those in our church who have completed this training.

It will be necessary to give Jacqueline a printed copy of the certificate of completion which is issued at the end of the online EDI training.

Thank you.

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com . Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

- Dates for your Diary

September		
3rd	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mrs L Arrowsmith
4 th	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
5 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
6 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart re-opens after the summer break
7 th	7pm	Church & Circuit Council Meeting
9 th	All day	Ride & Stride – ride or sponsor riders or welcome visitors
10 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sunday Club Anniversary – All Age Worship Followed by picnic on the Rec Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mrs P Hall
12 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
13 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
16 th	10am	HDCT Harvest Event on the Market Square
17 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls – Holy Communion Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Vacant
19 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
20 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
24 th	10.30am	Preacher: David Frost Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs D Payne
	3pm	Service @ The Meadows Care Home – meet 2.45pm in foyer
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
27 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
October		
1 st	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson – Harvest Festival, All Age Worship followed by Harvest Lunch Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Church Harvest Flowers
2 nd	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
3 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
4 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
8 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Church Harvest Flowers
10 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 th	10.30am	Preacher: Andy Burrows – HC Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mrs P Shanks