

GOD LOVES YOU!



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This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

Isaiah 48:17

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.

- **Sponsored Bike Ride Tomorrow!**

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>

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

Many thanks. Abi



**Please join us for our Sunday Club
Anniversary Service.**

**Sunday 10th September, 10.30am
Followed by a picnic on the Rec.
Everyone is welcome!**

Superhero
costumes
welcome!

- 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.

- HARVEST LUNCH

This year's Harvest Lunch will be held on Sunday 1st October following refreshments after the morning service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer and we ask that you fill this in by 24th September to give us an idea of numbers attending.

In a bid to reduce food wastage we are asking that you also indicate on the sheet your preferred filling for your jacket potato.

We are also looking for volunteers for various jobs. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are able to help in this way.

Thanks

Susan

- GIFT DAY

At a recent Church council meeting, it was decided to have a Church gift day on 22nd October. The proceeds of this event will go to fund our Children and young people's work

Gift envelopes will be distributed on the previous two Sundays for collection on the weekend of the 22nd October.

Next Door will be open on Saturday 21st from 10.30 until 1pm for tea and coffee and the receipt of gift envelopes and the sale of items donated by the craft group.

If you wish to donate directly into the church bank account the details are:

Account Name: Haverhill Methodist Church

Sort Code: 30-93-99

Account Number 00060578

Please use the reference 'Gift Day'

Thank you for your continuing support

- 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

- Link to Hope shoeboxes 2023

We launched 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.

Gill

- Young at Heart

Young at Heart re-opened 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!

- 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 has copies of 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.

As we ordered 10 or more we got them at £4 each (20% off), so see Ken if you would like one.

- Wanted:

Sunday Club are in need of 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		
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 Flowers: Mrs P Hall Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
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 Flowers: Mrs Margaret Taylor Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
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 Flowers: Mr & Mrs D Payne Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	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 Flowers: Church Harvest Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
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 Flowers: Church Harvest Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
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 Flowers: Mrs P Shanks Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
17 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant including dedication of the Link to Hope shoeboxes and the Gift Day donations. Flowers: Mrs V Titmarsh Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge