

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 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.

- [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 our 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

- Greetings from Jersey

Dear friends,

We are on holiday in Jersey and during our time here we met up with Peter and Jo. We attended Bethesda Church for Peter's first service. We were then invited to have Harvest Lunch with the congregation.. They made us so welcome exactly what we do at HMC.

What a lovely time we had meeting the members from this very interesting church which was built in 1867. One of the ladies we met has been a member of the church for many, many years. Most interesting to learn was the same lady was the very first female to become stateswoman in the Jersey Government many years ago. It seemed surreal to be there with Peter and Jo but also very special.

One Sunday at Haverhill and the next at Bethesda. It was hard to take in such is the ease of travel nowadays.

Peter, Jo and James send their love and best wishes to each and every one of our church family. Wherever their Ministry takes them, they said they will always leave a part of themselves especially at Haverhill Methodist Church.

God Bless you all.

Jacqueline and Stefan





- Bring & Share lunches

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

October 1st – Harvest Lunch. Please sign up in the church foyer.

- Link to Hope shoeboxes 2023

Boxes need to be completed by Sunday 22nd October. Leaflets available in the church foyer.

Gill

- 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.

- Have you considered if you are called...

We are very blessed with the growing number of young people in our Sunday Club, however this has led to a need for more helpers (& leaders!) on the 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.

- Advance Notice

On Saturday November 18th we will be holding a Creative Prayer Workshop led by the Learning Network Eastern Region. More details nearer the time but please book the date in your diary!

On Sunday 26th November our Chair of the East Anglia District, Rev Julian Pursehouse, will be preaching here. Please book the date and come along.

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		
16th	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
24 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
25 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
29 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: vacant Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge