

GOD LOVES YOU!



Haverhill Methodist Church

Rev. Andy Burrows
Titular Superintendent Minister
T: 01603 927010
E: andrew.burrows@methodist.org.uk

HMC Senior Steward
Jacqueline Stewart
T: 01440 706794
E: stewartjacqueline59@gmail.com



Connect Issue 175

Friday 22nd September 2023

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.

You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.

Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Psalm 119:93,114,165

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.

- [Pray 2-3 Prayer meeting online](#)

Our next online Praying Across East Anglia monthly prayer meeting is this coming Monday at 7pm.

Feel free to drop in and join a session. Zoom link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88362960867?pwd=zjMcbSKY16UcYiuZvJRUIUCtMDedKh.1>

Meeting ID: 883 6296 0867 Passcode: Sq6DtV

- Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on 29th September between 10.30 -2.30 @ 8 Victoria Road CB9 9PS

All welcome, pop in if you can.

Gill and Dave Wadeson

- 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

- 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.

- Online Prayer Course

As we enter autumn, with golden leaves in the air and hot chocolates before bed, I wonder if you'd like to take some time to draw closer to God, maybe listen for his guidance in your life, maybe feel a new awakening in your faith?

Well, I'm really pleased to invite you to an online prayer course that our lovely Network rep Jenna Thorne is offering as part of our Pray 2-3 year.

You can reserve your place and find out more here -

<https://events.zoom.us/ev/Ais18rwHvlzAVxA5Sj9u7XRvbFM9AVgmVYEIuaeEkCaNrcYN8zk--~AIEVsJV49p17hpHh83I0mija6jdC6cldnZELt2kywa3mG2GsFySawrSjRw>

All are welcome.

As we're coming to the final part of our year of prayer, we're listening for God's guidance and God's voice for what comes next, and this is an opportunity for you to do the same, whether it's guidance for you personally or for your Church or Circuit.

Any questions, you can contact Jenna on -

thornej@methodistchurch.org.uk

All blessings, Yasmin Finch (District Mission Enabler EA)

- Posada

The idea of a Posada comes originally from Central America, probably from Mexico and may go back to the late 16th century. The word 'posada' means 'inn' or 'shelter' in Spanish.

The idea is to use the time of Advent when we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas, to welcome Mary and Joseph into our homes and remember the time they were trying to find a place for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem.

There is a Posada set (basically a manger scene) which travels around the congregation, moving to a new home each day. Members of the congregation sign up for a day when they can receive the Posada which will be brought to them by the household that precedes them on the list. They will welcome the visitors, provide simple refreshments (tea/ coffee + biscuits/cake) and then hold a short act of welcome. (Words provided). The journey for the holy family will finish in the Church on Christmas morning.

If you would be interested, please sign the list either in the entrance or in the hall during the next few weeks.

If you wish to know more speak to Ken. Thank you.

- Sponsored Bike Ride (Ride and Stride 2023)

Many congratulations and thanks to Abigail, Stuart, Luke and Jake Britten and all who sponsored them for this year's bike ride.

Not to be defeated by Jake's badly broken arm they courageously chose the "stride" option and walked around churches in Haverhill before driving to Ipswich and walking there, on the hottest day of the year!

We are awaiting final confirmation but think they have raised about £430 excluding gift aid. Half of this money returns to our church and the rest for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to support churches in need of renovation and repair.

Thanks also to those who welcomed visitors to our church and provided refreshments.

Sandra Loader

- A word in season

I posted my 'new home' card to Peter & Jo on Friday 25th August. Peter received it on 31st August, the day of his 'welcome service'. I sent a message on the card which I will write at the end of this item.

Peter wrote to say the message I included about looking to God in all circumstances was especially encouraging. In fact he had quoted it in his words of response that night.

Although no-one from Haverhill Methodist Church was understandably unable to attend, Peter said sharing my card and the inspiring words made a connection to the past, to the present & future, 'a word in season', Peter's words – I thought that represented HMC family. I hope you all think the same.

“Happy moments, praise God
Difficult moments, seek God
Quiet moments, worship God
Painful moments, trust God
Every moment, thank God.”

Thought it would be nice to share it with all HMC family.

I have a copy of the service if you would like to see it, come and speak to me after the service.

Win Franklin.

- 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		
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
25 th	7pm	Pray 2-3 online prayer meeting – see details above
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
31 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
November		
1 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
5 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – AA then Bring & Share Lunch Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge

