

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.*

*Joel 2:23*

**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 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.

- [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 Wadson

- [Letter from your Senior Steward](#)

[Harvest Festival Service](#)

Dear Friends,

Our Harvest Festival Service and lunch will be held Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. We look forward in welcoming Henry Wilson MBE from River of life Community Church and CEO of Reach Community Projects who will be leading us in Worship.

During the service, Henry will receive your kind donations of unperishable food on behalf of Reach. We ask, if you are kindly donating food, could you please bring some extra carrier bags. This will greatly assist the volunteers who will be helping to bag up the food whilst keeping the bags as light as possible. They will then be ready to be transported to Reach Monday 2nd October at 9am.

Directly after the Harvest service, I would be extremely grateful if as many people as possible come forward to help pack up the food items and put into the lounge ready for Monday morning. The more people who can help means a shorter time it will take.

### Ideas for donations

Canned food, pasta, rice, sugar, tea, coffee and drinking chocolate. Anything unperishable will be welcomed.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help during these preparations. I compare the jobs we do in church as one large Jigsaw with each piece large or small carrying equal importance in the running of our beloved church.

### Remembrance Book

Our Remembrance book which is normally on our church Altar has been there for many years. This lovely book is a record of important events especially, dates of remembering our loved ones who have passed. Over the years, the book spine was coming apart with age. However, we have a special lady who not only mended this lovely book she also worked hard in recording events in calligraphy on the date they occurred. The lady is Margaret Taylor who took on this challenge for our church even although it was quite a new venture for her. Margaret, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the hard work you undertook for our church. Thank you very much.

Wishing you all many blessings  
from Jacqueline Stewart



## Celebration & AGM

stories/worship/prayer  
refreshments/cake

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
4pm

Haverhill Methodist Church  
(Camps Road, CB9 8HF)

All welcome!



Haverhill & District  
YOUTH  
FOR CHRIST

More info :

[info@haverhill.yfc.co.uk](mailto:info@haverhill.yfc.co.uk)

- GIFT DAY

At a recent Church council meeting, it was decided to have a Church gift day on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Next Door will be open on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October/Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

- 24 HOUR PRAYER ROOM

We have committed to a monthly Church prayer meeting which we started in the summer. For the September meeting we joined in the Churches Together act of worship on the market square.

For October we plan to hold a 24 hour prayer vigil from 6pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October to 6pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

This is part of the East Anglian District initiative and will be supported by Yasmin Finch who is the District Mission Enabler.

The coffee lounge, next to the vestry, will be set up as a prayer room and quiet place to come and spend time with God.

For those who may not have experienced this type of prayer before can I encourage you to sign up and share in this wonderful experience.

I have a sign up sheet, broken down into hourly slots and you can either come alone or with another person. The sheet will be available during coffee time on Sundays, or you can contact me direct on 01440703760 or email: [davidandjoyce@live.com](mailto:davidandjoyce@live.com).

Joyce Rinaldi

- Bring & Share Lunch

It has been a while since we had a Bring & Share Lunch so I thought I would write about how it works.

These lunches are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after the morning service.

*What is a Bring & Share Lunch?*

A time of fellowship with each other and share food together..

*Why do we have it?*

It is an opportunity to chat and get to know people in an informal setting.

*What do I need to bring?*

You can bring any food, hot or cold. If you decide to bring a hot dish please bring it already cooked. If you can bring it in a container

that will keep it hot like a slow cooker or a casserole that can be popped in the oven to keep warm that would be ideal. Please note ALL food MUST have an ingredients list.

*Do I have to bring hot food?*

No, cold food is also fine to bring.

*Do I have to bring home cooked food?*

No, it can be shop bought but must be cooked at home first if bringing a hot dish.

*Do I have to bring enough food for everyone?*

No, just enough food for your family or yourself.

*Do I need to book?*

No booking required, just come along

*How long will it last?*

There is no set time and you are free to leave when you need to but most probably 1.5/2 hours

I hope this answers some questions you may have but please speak with me if you are still unsure about anything. The emphasis on these lunches is fellowship together.

As with most things volunteers are needed to help with the smooth running of these events and to prevent all the work falling on just a few people. As the lunches are only once a month then the more helpers we have the less time you will be required to help. If this is something you can help with then please speak with myself or Janet Etheridge before Sunday 29th October. The first lunch will be held on the 5th November. My email address is, [susan@marrensunset.co.uk](mailto:susan@marrensunset.co.uk)

Thank you.

Susan

- PAT Testing (Portable Appliance Testing)

We will soon be testing all electrical equipment used in the church or Next Door for safety.

If you use any electrical equipment that I will not easily find, please send me a list with location of this equipment. Please also include any electrical items you bring in and connect to a church or Next Door power socket. This includes extension leads, uplighters, amplifiers and other devices. We can then arrange a suitable time to test these.

Users of any electrical equipment used within the church or Next Door should visually inspect the equipment for signs of damage regularly. Do not use the equipment if any damage is found. This

should include the plug, power cord and other parts of the equipment.

Please ask if you have any questions

Thank you

Jamie Evans

[jamie@evans-mail.co.uk](mailto:jamie@evans-mail.co.uk)

- 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](https://events.zoom.us/j/91874567890)

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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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.

- Prayer Diary

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

### October

- 1 Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch
- 8 YFC Annual Celebration and AGM at Haverhill Methodist Church
- 21 Next Door open for receipt of Gift Day donations
- 22 Gift Day  
Dedication of Link to Hope shoeboxes
- 27/28 24 hour prayer
- 29 Afternoon service at The Meadows

### Extra Prayer Topics

*Peter, Jo and family* – Please pray for Peter and Jo and family as they settle into their new position in Jersey and for James & Sally as they start new jobs.

*Church & Circuit Steward & Local Preachers* Pray for those who have responsibility for leading us in the practical and spiritual running



of this Church especially at this challenging time. Pray for the Rev. Andy Burrows as he is our titular Superintendent Minister. Pray for those bringing the Word of God to us each Sunday that we may all be blessed and our faith will deepen.

*Invitation Committee* – We give thanks for our Stationing Committee and pray for them as they continue to serve our Church.

*Worship Band* – Give thanks for those who lead our worship each Sunday through music. Please pray for more musicians to come forward to join the band.

*Sunday Club* – More helpers are still needed. Give thanks for the growing numbers of Sunday Club youngsters.

*Property Committee* – Pray for the property committee as they prioritise the work needed to keep all the property in good condition and as they explore the possibility of selling the manse and purchasing a more suitable property

*YFC*-Pray for the work of Sarah through YFC as she is involved in lessons, clubs, mentoring and chaplaincy work. Pray also for the work of Illuminate.

*Next Door*- Now open 4 days a week. Please pray for the future work.

*Reach* – Please pray for all those involved in the work of Reach as it tries to alleviate the suffering of so many at this time of financial challenge.

*Open Mind* – Please pray for the ongoing work of Open Mind. More volunteers needed especially men. Pray for the evening sessions to be more used.

*Revival* – Give thanks for the new people coming into our Church. 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.

- Advance Notice

On Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com) . Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.*

- Dates for your Diary

<b>September</b>		
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am -2.30pm	MacMillan Coffee Morning at Gill & Dave Wadeson's 8 Victoria Road CB9 9PS All Welcome!
<b>October</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	7.00pm	Stewards' Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers:Church Harvest Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	4.00pm	YFC AGM & Celebration service at HMC– all welcome. There will be cake!
10 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Andy Burrows – HC Flowers: Mrs P Shanks Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
17 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	6pm-6pm	24/7 Prayer Room –see details in this edition
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: vacant Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	3.00pm	Service @ The Meadows care home. Meet 2.45 in the foyer.
31 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
<b>November</b>		
1st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – All Age Worship then Bring & Share Lunch Flowers: Mrs J Stewart Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge