

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?*

*Psalm 56:4*

**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.

- **24/7 PRAYER WEEKEND**

Thank you to everyone who have signed up to share in this special time of prayer.

A beautiful sanctuary has been created in the coffee lounge and I invite you all to have a look at it on Sunday morning before it is dismantled.

There are still two one-hour slots to be filled which are 11pm till midnight on Friday and 1am to 2am Saturday morning. If you, either alone or with a friend/partner, would like to share in this time please contact me on 01440703760 or email: [davidandjoyce@live.com](mailto:davidandjoyce@live.com).

We are thankful too for the people who are supporting us by praying from home and hope we will all be blessed by this event.

God bless, Joyce Rinaldi



**You are invited to a Light Party!**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October,  
4.00-6.00pm**

**Haverhill Methodist Church Hall**

Games – Treats – Glowsticks – Music –  
Food – Fun!

A LIGHT alternative to Hallowe'en  
Wear your brightest clothes!

Children under 5 must be  
accompanied by an adult.

For more information or to book,  
please email

[hmcmessychurch@gmail.com](mailto:hmcmessychurch@gmail.com)

- 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 or 07713 597956

- GIFT DAY

The Gift Day raised a total of £1,606.60. This money will be used for  
the work of our Sunday club and youth work in our church.

May I say a heartfelt thankyou to all who contributed, your generosity  
is amazing.

David Rinaldi

Church Treasurer

- Young at Heart

Young at Heart Group are now busy knitting small blue hearts and I  
wondered if there was anyone in our church could help us out. The  
pattern is simple and I can supply pattern and wool. If you could help  
us out please let me know. Janet

*Haverhill Methodist Church*



*Camps Road*

*Invite you to*

*A Service to Remember Loved Ones*

*Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7.00pm*

*A time to remember loved ones departed*

*Names will be read out*

*and you will have the opportunity to light a candle*



*Followed by refreshments*

- House Groups

There are 5 possible House Groups.

One is filled but there are spaces with David and Ann Frost 7.30-9 once a month; Charmaine Slade Thursday 10.30 twice a month; Sonja and Muritala Monday evening 1st and 3rd from 8.00; finally Dot and Tom Tuesdays at 2.30 on the 1st and 3rd of the month.

Please see me on Sunday to sign up for a group.

These Groups are a very good way to really get to know people and to study the Bible in greater depth. I very much recommend them.

Heather

- A 'Banked Experience'

Dear church family, I would like to share with you my experience of prayer and urge you never to underestimate the power it can have in your life.

I was brought up in a church family and likewise my family was brought up in it as well. I can honestly say we have seen many answers to prayer over the years, sometimes not always recognising it at the time, but looking back we have seen God's hand at work.

For quite a few years I was part of the town pastors on the base and as situations arose we prayed along with those praying at home and

God was always faithful.

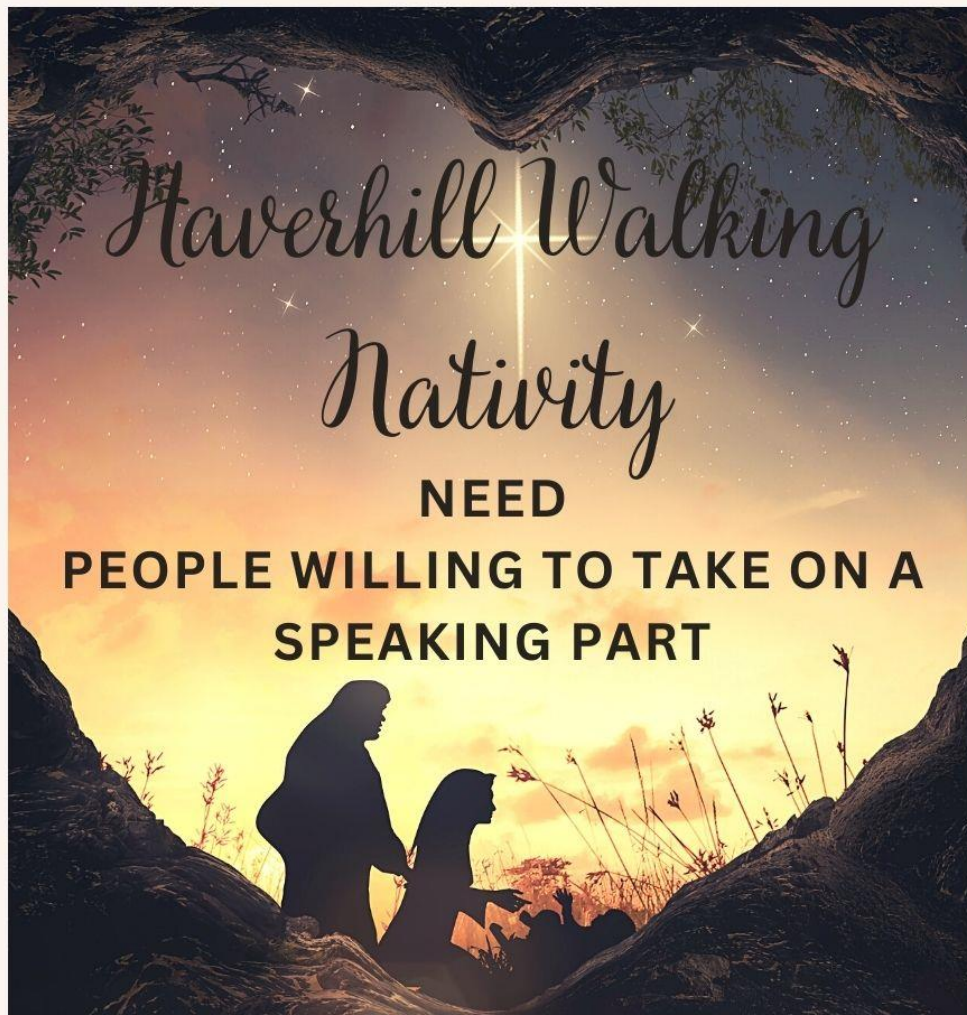
Sometimes we have to wait on God's timing but in all things we must do it with thanksgiving and praise. Remember the passage in the bible where Paul was in prison and singing praises to God and his chains fell off and the door opened.

God has been speaking to me about singing praises on several occasions recently, so I implore you to do the same.

Come and join the 24hr Prayer 27/28th October and see what God can do.

May God bless you as he has me.

Mary Thake



**EVENT: SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER  
PLEASE CONTACT CHARMAINE BY  
1ST NOVEMBER IF YOU CAN HELP.  
CHARMAINESLADE57@GMAIL.COM**

- Getting to know you!

Most of you will be aware that there are quite a few new faces in our fellowship – which is great! But it's not always easy to remember the names to put with the faces you meet when you may only see them once a week. So...

...from this Sunday, on entering the church you will be invited by the Door Steward (who will soon be wearing a lanyard) to write your name on a sticky label and attach it to yourself, so that we all know who everyone is and who we're talking to. If you're not comfortable with doing this you don't have to, no worries.

On the same theme, I am still trying to build a photowall for the church hallway. We used to have one but it got so out of date it was taken down – we would love to get an up-to-date one done soon.

I would be grateful if you could send me a head & shoulders 'selfie' for this purpose. If couples could send one photo of both of you together that would be great. (I can crop, straighten and adjust lighting – just make sure it's in focus!)

Children are not included in these photos for safeguarding reasons and they do NOT go online.

If you're no good at 'selfies', speak to me and we can arrange to take your picture on a Sunday morning. Again, if you are not comfortable with this, just let us know, no problem.

So that my personal inbox is not swamped, please send photos to [haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com](mailto:haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com)

Finally, if you sent me a photo the last time I asked (summer '22) I've still got it and you don't need to send me a new one – unless there's been some drastic change to your appearance!

Many thanks,  
Kathy

- News from the Bishop family

A couple of weeks ago I had a phone call from Nigel, our Minister before Peter. He sends greetings to all those who knew him and still remembers us fondly. He has been working as a hospital chaplain in Gloucester for some 6 years and has now decided he needs a change – the commute can be up to two hours! An opportunity came up to be pastor of a church only 15 minutes from home (Mount of Olives Church, Coleford <https://www.mountofolives.church/> ) and Nigel has secured the post – he was calling me to ask for a simple reference, they'd already offered him the job! You can watch his 'trial sermon' here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKnJZczCgdc>

The family are doing well, Naomi has already taken two GCSEs a year early and continues with her dancing. She would like to make a career of it but has a 'plan B' of A levels and university if she doesn't make the grade – it's very competitive. She keeps her parents busy taking her to Gloucester, Birmingham and other far-flung locations in pursuit of her dream!

I assured Nigel that they have not been forgotten and are still thought of warmly here.

Kathy

- Prayer Diary

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

November

- 5 All Age Worship followed by "Bring 'n' Share Lunch
- 9 Remembrance of Loved Ones Service
- 12 Remembrance Sunday
- 18 Creative Prayer Workshop
- 26 Julian Pursehouse- District Chair leads worship
- 26 Afternoon service at The Meadows

Extra Prayer Points

*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 Burows as he is our titular Superintendent Minister. Pray that he will be able to cope with the extra workload. 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 Invitation Committee and pray for them as they continue to serve our Church. Pray for them to discern God's will as the stationing process starts again for next year.

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

*Home groups* – Please pray for the Home Groups as they start up shortly. Pray that they will be a means of growing spiritually and in closeness to each other.

*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 on the attached poster – 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) .

- Dates for your Diary

<b>October</b>		
27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	6pm-6pm	24/7 Prayer Room – see details in this edition
29 <sup>th</sup>	2am	Don't forget to put your clocks back!
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade                      Flowers: Mrs M Thake Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	3.00pm	Service @ The Meadows care home. Meet 2.45 in the foyer.
	4-6pm	Light Party in the church hall – see flyer attached
31 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (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
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
8 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Remembrance of Loved Ones service with Rev Andy Burrows
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: David Frost – Remembrance Sunday                      Flowers: Mr L Jacobs Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
14 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
15 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5pm	Creative Prayer Workshop @ HMC – details to follow
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Andy Burrows – HC                      Flowers: Mr & Mrs R Beaumont Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup>	All day	Music exams in Church, Vestry & Coffee Lounge – No Entry
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Julian Pursehouse – Chair of the EA District                      Flowers: Mr & Mrs B Ellicott Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
28 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
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