

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*“Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.*

*Jeremiah 32:17*

**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.

- Stationing – Good News!

In the process to find a new minister we have been matched with someone who has shown an interest in Haverhill – God is good! The next step is to organise a visit and for the Invitation Committee to have a discussion with the person.

As you will understand, confidentiality is paramount at this stage but we will share more with you all as soon as anything is definite.

Please continue to pray for the Invitation Committee and for the stationing situation in general.

Please also pray that a buyer will be found for the manse so that a new one that is fully fit for purpose can be purchased.

- Open Mind Award

This week Open Mind received a County Councillor Award!  
This is a fantastic achievement and came as a complete surprise.  
Congratulations to Cham and her wonderful team!



- Creative Prayer workshop – 18<sup>th</sup> November

The Methodist Learning Network will be running a Creative Prayer Workshop here on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30-5pm. Don't forget to book your place!

Full details on the poster attached with this edition of Connect.

- Music Exams 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> November

Please be aware that there will be music exams going on all day in the church, the vestry and the coffee lounge on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November.

Please DO NOT ENTER these areas and be mindful of the noise you make around the building and in the car park. The young people taking these exams have practised long & hard, let's give them a fighting chance!

- Visit of the Chair of the East Anglia District

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.

- Worship at the Meadows Care Home

The following date has been confirmed:  
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

- Walking Nativity

Don't forget to put the Walking Nativity in your diary!

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December starting at 12 noon here at HMC and moving with the story down to St Mary's.

See attached poster for more details.

- Veterans Brass at Christmas

A concert of light-hearted music here at HMC on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. See attached poster for more details.

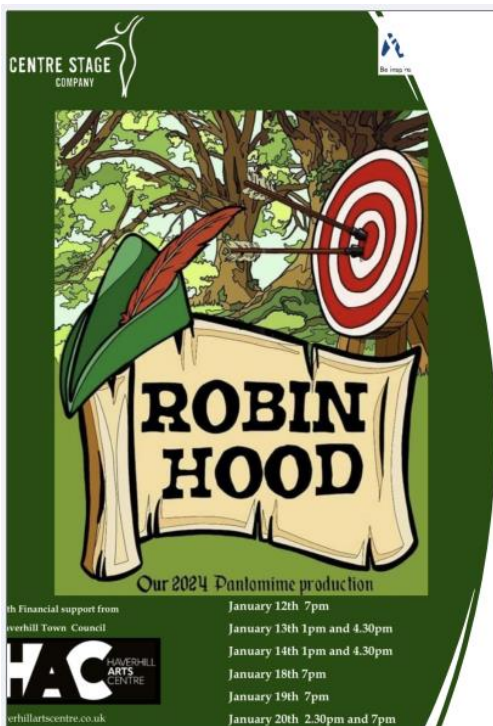
- Haverhill Singers Concert – 9<sup>th</sup> December

Haverhill Singers will once again be putting on a concert for Christmas, here at 6pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Full details on the poster attached with this edition of Connect.

- Toy Service

The Toy Service this year will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. For those of you who may not be familiar with this service you are invited on that day to bring toys/gifts to the service which will later be given to Social Services who will distribute them to underprivileged children in the town. All gifts must be new and unwrapped and suitable for ages new-born to 18 years old. Rev Andy Burrows will be leading this service and the Town Mayor will be here to receive the toys on behalf of Social Services. Your generosity for this appeal is always greatly appreciated by those who distribute them.

- Sunday Club – Panto



### IT'S PANTO TIME!

We have reserved a block of seats for Robin Hood on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1pm.

We are pleased to have secured a group discount-

Adults are £12

Sunday Club Children are £7 per ticket (as Sunday Club are further subsidising £5 per ticket)

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Please email [claire@evans-mail.co.uk](mailto:claire@evans-mail.co.uk) to reserve your tickets.

Payment can be made to the Sunday Club account  
Methodist church Sunday Club  
Sort Code 30-93-99  
Account number 00079805

- Ladies Meal 2024

Proposed date for the next Ladies meal is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at the Red Lion at Wrating, 6.30 for 7 o'clock. Will bring the menu next Sunday. Cost will be: 2 courses £16.95 or 3 courses £22.95. I will need a £10 deposit

Janet

- 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 – we *still need to make 300 more!!* The pattern is simple and I can supply pattern and wool. If you could help us out please let me know. Janet

- House Groups

There are 4 possible House Groups.

One is filled but there are spaces with David and Ann Frost 7.30-9pm once a month; Sonja and Muritala Monday evening 1st and 3rd from 8.00pm; finally Dot and Tom Tuesdays at 2.30pm 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

- Big Christmas Card

From the beginning of December we will have our usual Big Christmas Card available for you to sign. The idea is that you don't send loads of cards to people in church but sign the big card instead and put the money saved into the charity donation pot by the card.

The stewards have not yet decided which charity we will be supporting this year but will let you know soon.

- Getting to know you!

As last week, on entering the church you will be invited by the Door Steward 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. *Please* send me a head & shoulders 'selfie' for this purpose – couples, one photo of both of you together  
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)

Many thanks,  
Kathy

- Pictures from Jersey

Nneka and family visited Peter & Jo recently, here are the pictures.





*Please let me know if/when your group is taking a Christmas break, so I can keep the Dates for Your Diary correct. Thank You.*

*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>November</b>		
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 – see poster attached
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)
29 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
30 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8.30pm	Cubs Christingle in Church and Hall
<b>December</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Walking Nativity from our Church
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Andy Burrows – Toy Service with Haverhill Town Mayor present to receive the toys      Flowers: Mr A Coe Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
5 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
6 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Veterans Brass in Concert at HMC – see poster attached
9 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Haverhill Singers in Concert at HMC – see poster attached
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson      Flowers: Vacant Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
12 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant – Christingle service, you will have the opportunity to create your own Christingle. Church Christmas Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	5pm	Family Carol Service led by Sarah Glasswell & Sunday Club