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*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good
and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through
all generations.*

Psalm 100:4-5

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.

- Stationing

We are delighted to announce that after a successful visit last Saturday, a match has been agreed and we will have a new Superintendent Minister from September 2024. More details Sunday morning!

Please continue to pray for the sale of the current manse and the purchase of a new one which will meet Methodist specifications – our new Minister will need somewhere to live!

- Visit of the Chair of the East Anglia District

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

- Worship at the Meadows Care Home

The following date has been confirmed:
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 or 07713 597956

- Pray 2-3 Zoom prayer meeting – final meeting 27th Nov. @ 7pm

If you can make it, do come along. Led by Vanessa through this year of prayer, it's been a real source of blessing to those involved.

Time: Nov 27, 2023 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85305324781?pwd=1rQyvvlKg9502Bkro9j2Mr5KQ3Obd6.1>

Meeting ID: 853 0532 4781

Passcode: 7ML6G0

- Walking Nativity

On Dec 2nd we will be hosting the Walking Nativity.

Please can people avoid using the church car park until 2pm as we will have a horse trailer which will need a wide turning circle and we will need parking for all the actors and musicians taking part. Thank you! "

Charmaine Slade

- Toy Service

The Toy Service this year will be on December 3rd.

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.

- Haverhill Silver Band Family Christmas Concert

Attached to this email are details for Haverhill Silver Band's Christmas Engagements. I am playing with them in the Family Christmas Concert on 3rd December as part of the Youth and Community section of the Band. We play in the first half, the Senior Band plays in the second half, then both bands play together at the end. It is always a fabulous concert. Would love to see you there!
Claire Waller

- Veterans Brass at Christmas

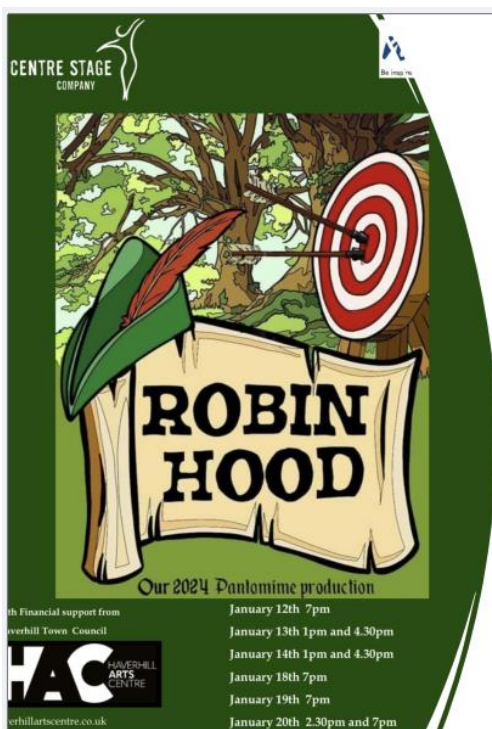
A concert of light-hearted music here at HMC on Thursday 7th December at 3pm. See attached poster for more details.

- Haverhill Singers Concert – 9th December

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

- Sunday Club – Panto

Deadline to reserve your ticket is 1st December!



IT'S PANTO TIME!

We have reserved a block of seats for Robin Hood on Sunday 14th 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)

Please email 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

- Young at Heart Christmas break

This group will not meet on 20th Dec, 27th Dec & 3rd Jan, We'll be back on 10th January, so if you haven't tried us, make it a New Year resolution to pop in!

- Open Mind Christmas break

We will only be closed on 27th December. Open 20th Dec and then 3rd Jan.

- Bring & Share Lunch

It has been decided that for the time being Bring & Share lunch will take place once every 2 months. Therefore the next lunch will be Sunday 7th January.

Thanks
Susan

- Ladies Meal 2024

Proposed date for the next Ladies meal is Friday 26th January at the Red Lion at Wrating, 7.00 – for 7.30pm (Please note change of time). Menu and sign-up sheet in the foyer Cost will be: 2 courses £16.95 or 3 courses £22.95. I will need a £10 deposit please.

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 3.30pm on 7th December and thereafter on the first Thursday each month at 3.30pm – room for one more person;
- Sonja and Muritala from 8.00pm on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month;

- Dot and Tom at 2.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 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

Many thanks,
Kathy

- Prayer Diary

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

December

- 2 Walking nativity from Haverhill Methodist Church to St. Mary's
- 3 Toy Service
- 7 Veterans Brass Concert
- 9 Haverhill Singers Concert
- 17 10.30. Christingle Service
5pm – Family Carol Service
- 25 Family Worship @ 10am

Extra Prayer Topics

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 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.

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.

Young at Heart – Pray for those leading and attending this group.

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.

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com

. Dates for your Diary

November		
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Julian Pursehouse – Chair of the EA District Flowers: Mr & Mrs B Ellicott Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
29 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
30 th	11am	Funeral of Jean Challis in Church
	7- 8.30pm	Cubs Christingle in Church and Hall
December		
2 nd	12 noon	Walking Nativity from our Church
3 rd	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 coffee lounge
	6pm	Haverhill Silver Band Family Christmas Concert @ HAC
5 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
6 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
7 th	3pm	Veterans Brass in Concert at HMC – see poster attached
9 th	6pm	Haverhill Singers in Concert at HMC – see poster attached
10 th	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Flowers: Vacant Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
12 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
13 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
17 th	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 coffee lounge
	5pm	Family Carol Service led by Sarah Glasswell & Sunday Club
19 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
20 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
24 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Church Christmas Flowers Prayer time from 9.30am in the coffee lounge
25 th	10.00am	Christmas Day Celebration: Rev Ken Nicholls
31 st	10.30am	Preacher: Steve Norris Church Christmas Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
January		
2 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
3 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
7 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade – All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge