

GOD LOVES YOU!



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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15,17

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.

- [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 this Sunday, 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.

- 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.

- Sunday Club – Panto

Deadline to reserve your ticket is 1st December!



The poster for 'Robin Hood' features a green background with a tree and a target. A banner in the center reads 'ROBIN HOOD'. Below the banner, it says 'Our 2024 Pantomime production'. At the bottom, there is a list of dates and times: January 12th 7pm, January 13th 1pm and 4.30pm, January 14th 1pm and 4.30pm, January 18th 7pm, January 19th 7pm, and January 20th 2.30pm and 7pm. Logos for 'CENTRE STAGE COMPANY' and 'HAC HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE' are visible.

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

- 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 Wratting, 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

- 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 this Sunday 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!

I am still trying to build a photo wall 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

- REACH at Christmas

You can find the latest REACH newsletter here:

<https://mailchi.mp/397945d7b0a0/christmas-general-1?e=ec43c034e3>

- EDI Training

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.

- Book of remembrance

On the church communion table is a book of remembrance of loved ones who have died.

The book is a yearly diary.

The names of loved ones are recorded on the relevant page, along with the year of their death.

Each Sunday, the book is opened to show the current day's date.

If you would like a name or names recorded in the book of remembrance please write down the name/s and date/s and give them to Jacqueline. Thank you.

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

. Dates for your Diary

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
9 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
10 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
14 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Ken Nicholls Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
16 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
17 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall