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Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8

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.

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Begins on 18th January and runs until 25th January. This year **St Mary's** is hosting a service on **Thursday 18th January at 7pm** to which everyone is invited. The service will draw on the story of the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4.7-15, in which Jesus says, 'Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.'

This is an important occasion when we recognise our common faith in Jesus Christ and support and encourage one another.

You are also encouraged to pray for the other local churches throughout the Week of Prayer using the following prayer cycle:

18th: St Mary's Anglican Church

19th: River of Life Community Church

20th: West End Congregational Church
21st: St Felix's Roman Catholic Church
22nd: Haverhill Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship
23rd: Haverhill Methodist Church
24th Old Independent United Reformed Church
25th: Haverhill Salvation Army

Haverhill & District Churches Together

- Church/Circuit Council Meeting

The next meeting of Haverhill Methodist Church Council/ Circuit Meeting will be on Wednesday 24 January 2024 at **7pm** in the Church Hall. This will be chaired by Rev Andy Burrows, our Titular Superintendent Minister.

- Ladies Meal 2024 - Friday 26th January

Hopefully you all received my email regarding the change of time (again) it is now **6.30PM FOR 7.00**. Please try and bring cash on the night this will make sorting the bill out easier. If you ordered 3 courses, you will owe £12.95 if you ordered 2 courses you will owe £6.95.

Any problems please let me know.

Janet

- Songs of Praise!

Our monthly Church prayer meeting for January will be on **Saturday 27th at 3pm.**

We believe this should be a time of praise and thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us in our lives and Church fellowship.

We are planning a time of worship and would like to invite you to share a favourite song, hymn or psalm. Please let Sonya know of your choices beforehand (sonjathiessen1@gmail.com 01440 269761) so that she can prepare the music and perhaps you would like to say a few words about your choice and why it is important to you.

Please support this if you can and let's make it a really special time of celebration.

Thanks

The Prayer Team

- Meeting that may be of interest

There will be a speaker from the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) at the Quaker Meeting House in Bury St

Edmunds on Sunday January 28th at 2.30pm. The event will be open to all. See <https://www.eappi.org/en/> or speak to David Payne for more details.

- [Refresh@Sizewell Spring 2024](#)

Book soon if you would like to go. Penny Cook and Kim Strowger have booked for the March. It is a lovely ladies weekend to refresh. Take a look. <https://bit.ly/422DdbH>

- [Getting to know you!](#)

I have printed and put up the pics I've got, so it's 'name & shame' by your absence!!

If you're not on the board in the corridor, please see if you've got a reasonable shot, maybe from the Christmas festivities, and send it over to me (I can crop and add light etc, just make sure it's not out of focus, I can't fix that!) – or ask me to take yours on a Sunday.

Head & shoulders, couples together, no kids.

Send to haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com

Many thanks, Kathy

- [Big Christmas Card donations](#)

The total donated through the Big Christmas Card was £163. This will go to the Fund for Human Need which makes small donations that make a big difference to people in need.

If you want to know more or even sign up to make a regular donation, there are a couple of leaflets on the table in the foyer or look here:

<https://fundforhumanneed.org.uk>

Many thanks to all who contributed.

- [Next Door Café – holidays](#)

In order to maintain opening hours during upcoming holidays, if anyone is interested in going on a holiday cover/reserve list to help out in Next Door, could you please speak to either Joyce Rinaldi (01440 703760) or Pat Shanks (01440 762198).

- [Weekly Offering & Gift Aid](#)

We do not ask visitors for money, however should you wish to give there is an offering bowl just inside the main doors to the church at each service. If

you wish to give by standing order/onlinebanking, please ask the duty steward (wearing a purple lanyard) for details of the appropriate church bank account. (This type of payment helps us avoid banking costs incurred by paying in cash/cheques.)

If you pay income tax you can fill in a form which allows the church to claim back 25p for every £1 at no cost to yourself. These forms are available from the duty steward on a Sunday morning.

The amount claimed back in recent years has approached £10,000 pa and has often prevented expenditure exceeding income in the annual accounts.

- *Advance Notice*

Music exams will be taking place in the church, vestry & coffee lounge on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March. Please do not enter these areas on those days and be mindful of keeping noise to a minimum around the site. 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

January		
18 th -25 th		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – see notice above
21 st	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Andy Burrows – Covenant Service with Holy Communion Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Flowers: Joyce Rinaldi
23 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
24 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7pm	Church Council/Circuit Meeting
26 th	7pm	Ladies Meal at Red Lion, Wrating
27 th	3pm	Songs of Praise – see notice above
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ian Levett Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Flowers: Kathy Cohen
	2.30pm	EAPPI meeting at Bury – see notice above
30 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
31 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
February		
4 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Flowers: Colin Smith
6 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
7 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
11 th		Preacher: Peter Barton from Adopt-a-Child will update us on his work in Guatemala and Albania Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Flowers: Kim Strowger
13 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
14 th		Ash Wednesday
	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
18 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Andy Burrows – with Holy Communion Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Lent 1 Flowers: Janet & Mick Etheridge
20 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
21 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
25 th	10.30am	Preacher: Gavin Payne Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Lent 2 Flowers: Sandra & John Loader
27 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
28 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall