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*Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits*

Psalm 103:1-2

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.

- 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. This will be a time of singing praises to God.**

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.

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

Thanks

The Prayer Team

- Open Mind



For the next two months, we are running a little differently!!

We are now taking bookings for a 1:1 session with an [Open Mind - meaningful support](#) volunteer, or a LHOH peer supporter.

We also have a two part workshop looking at grief, loss and disappointment - ideal for those who need a bit of support or who may be supporting others. Alternatively, if you're not sure about either, we will be having a drop-in cafe, where you can also seek advice & support.

All are free to attend, and are between 7-9pm at the Chalkstone Community Centre, the first Saturday of Feb and March.

To book a 1:1 session please click here (<https://www.lhoh.uk/book-online>) and select the Saturday you wish to attend (you will get a reminder 24hrs

beforehand)

To book a place for the Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing sessions, please click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../kintsugi-hope-sessions...>

(due to the nature of the group, spaces are limited):

If you would like to attend the drop-in cafe, just turn up 😊

- 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.

- News from the Catering Committee

The catering committee met last week to discuss future events throughout the year. One of the main aspects of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Bring & Share lunches. Numbers have been dwindling for some time now and after much discussion it has been decided to only have 2 more lunches this year. The hope is that if we make it more of an 'event' then more people may be encouraged to attend. Therefore the 2 dates will be Sunday 2nd June and the theme will be "Summer Days." Then we will have one on Sunday 1st December and the theme will be "Christmas Delights."

We are planning on having Coffee & Cake about every 6/8 weeks to encourage people to stay behind after the morning service and share fellowship together - who doesn't like cake! The first 2 dates for this are Sunday 4th February and Sunday 28th April.

Future dates for your diaries are:

Easter Breakfast on Sunday 31st March

Meet & Greet our new minister late August/ early September (tbc) Cake will be involved.

Harvest Supper - Nosh & Knowledge quiz on Saturday 5th October.

Pop these dates in your diary and let's look forward to sharing food and fellowship together as a family.

Please pray for the planning of these events.

Thank you.

Susan & the Catering Committee.

- [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

- [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.

- Prayer Diary

February

- 4 All Age Worship – Preacher Sarah Glasswell
- 11 Morning Worship – Peter Barton “Adopt a child”
- 18 Morning Worship with Holy Communion – Preacher Rev. Andy Burrows
- 25 Morning Worship – Preacher Gavin Payne

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.

Moses John

Pray for Moses John & his family as they prepare to move here in the summer. Pray that God will guide him in his leadership of us.

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 now that they have restarted. 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 for wisdom for them as to the way forward regards the manse.

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.

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*

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		
26 th	7pm	Ladies Meal at Red Lion, Wrattling
27th	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
March		
3 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade – All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Lent 3 Flowers: Nick & Jill Wray
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