

GOD LOVES YOU!



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Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:4

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.

- MCC (Men's Coffee Club)

When Every Friday 10.30 ish to 12.30 ish

Venue Next Door

No fees and no charge (except your drinks.)

No agenda, no committees

Turn up, drink up and sort out the world

All men welcome!

Questions? Ken 07808 066 733

- 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 😊

- House Groups

Several of our house groups are now full but there are still spaces in two:
David Frost – First Thursday of the month at 3.30pm
and

Dot & Tom Parker – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 2.30pm

Please speak to Heather or to the group host if you are interested in going along or just want to know more.

- Worship at the Meadows care home

Three dates have been booked for worship at the Meadows, 17th March, 28th April and 23rd June, all @ 3pm.

If you would like to go along and support this work please speak to Alan Carney.

- 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.

- Photowall

Thank You to all those who have sent me their 'selfies'. I now have a few more and will do a reprint soon.

The photowall is useful for getting to know who's who – not just those with particular roles but the whole church family, but for it to be really helpful we need as many people to be on it as possible.

Please send me a photo (head & shoulders, couples together, no kids) if you've not already done so – or ask me to take one on Sunday after the service. 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.

- 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

February		
4 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Flowers: Colin Smith
		“Coffee & cake” after the service
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 Flowers: Kim Strowger Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
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
10 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ian Levett - Mothering Sunday Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Lent 4
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