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Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Psalm 143:10

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 10.30ish to 12.30ish

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

- Special services

Dear Church family,

It was incredibly special to have such a large congregation of 118 people at church last Sunday 4th February.

I would like to pass onto you the news that on Sunday 18th of February 2024, our Supernumerary Minister Revd Ken Nicholls will baptise baby David Chinemerem Meregini. David's proud parents are Daddy Kelechi and Mummy Amarachi. David's loving Grandma Uche who is a lay preacher from Ward Bank Methodist Church, Umuahia, Nigeria, is delighted to attend the baptism of David before returning home to Nigeria

I would like you all to join me in sending our blessings to baby David and his loving family as they look forward to their special day.

Another special event will be taking place during our service of Holy C on Sunday 17th of March which is also St Patrick's Day. Our Minister Rev. Andy Burrows will receive certain new members into the Methodist Church. This day will indeed be a very important day for them, and we send our many blessings as they prepare themselves for this service.

With my best wishes

Jacqueline Stewart

Senior Steward

- Details of Tony Petty's funeral

Tony was a long-time regular in Next Door. His funeral will be at Bury St Edmunds Crematorium on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 2.00pm. All Welcome.

- Prayer & Praise time

We have arranged another time of praise and prayer for Saturday 16th March at 3pm.

All welcome!

Joyce

- 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.

- 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.



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March**

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Arts Centre**

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- 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.

