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*For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his
unfailing love.*

Psalm 33:4-5

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.

- Prayer & Praise time

We have arranged another time of praise and prayer for

Saturday 16th March at 3pm.

If you would like to choose a hymn/song please speak to Sonya or anyone from the prayer team before the event so that Sonya can prepare the music. We hope that people will share some testimony or a Bible verse as they feel led and that it will be a time of blessing for us all.

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 😊

- Request – Help please

Does anyone know anyone with an assistance animal who would be willing to bring them to a Sunday service soon? Possibly a guide dog for the blind, a hearing dog, a medical alert dog?

If you can help please contact me.

Thanks!

Charmaine Slade

- 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.

- 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

- Prayer Diary

Apart from the Sunday services here are some other dates to pray for:-

March

- 2 Open Mind Community Wellbeing Hub at Chalkstone Community Centre

- 3 Haverhill Youth & Community Band in concert with Hadstock Silver Band at Arts Centre
- 10 Mothering Sunday
- 16 Prayer & Praise Meeting
- 17 New members being received at Morning Worship
- 17 Afternoon Service at The Meadows
- 28 Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- 31 Easter Day – 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast & Morning Worship

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.

Sale & Purchase of new Manse – Pray for those involved in the proposed sale of the existing Manse and the purchase of a new Manse. Pray for the Lord's guidance.

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.

Mens Coffee Club – Pray for this new venture to bring men of the Church together.

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 its ongoing and 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.

- 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.

- Job Vacancy

Please find below details of a vacancy for a children and families worker in Costessey, Norwich. They are finding it difficult to attract applicants so if you do know of anyone who might be interested or perhaps know someone you think would make a good candidate then please pass this vacancy on to them. Thank you for your assistance once again.

Kind Regards

Kate Dalton

East Anglia District Lay Employment Secretary

PART-TIME CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILY WORKER

Costessey Methodist Church seeks to appoint a part-time Children, Young People and Family worker, 10 hours per week, with a compulsory Sunday every week and the other two days to be agreed upon with some flexibility should the need arise. Salary is £12.00 per hour. We are looking for a part-time Children, Young People and Family Worker to support the vision of the church, in engaging the children, young people and families some of whom are new to the UK, and to connect with the wider community.

Applicants should be able:

1. To oversee and develop work with children and families in a consultative process within the church and the local community
2. To help children and families to explore the Christian faith in a creative and dynamic way in Sunday School and to enable: • intergenerational engagement • participation
3. To consult with families and in partnership identify their needs and provide a range of social education and some intergenerational activities which aim to meet these needs
4. To manage and administer an agreed budget to enable the ministry to develop.
5. To appraise and review initiatives set up and activities undertaken, and change where necessary the action and focus of work after consultation with, and agreement, from the management group.
6. To work ecumenically where appropriate and in partnership with other local church colleagues.

7. To work with the Superintendent and the District Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance with the Churches' Policy on Safeguarding and creating a safe space for all.

8. To undertake any other related duties, identified by the minister as are within your capabilities and level of responsibility, in order to meet the needs of the church

This role will be subject to a satisfactory DBS check.

Closing date for applications 17.00 on 10th March, 2024.

For further details on job description, person specification and application pack contact Rev Mary Sachikonye sachies@btinternet.com or 07984371441

The Methodist Church is committed to the Safeguarding of all.

- Advance Notice

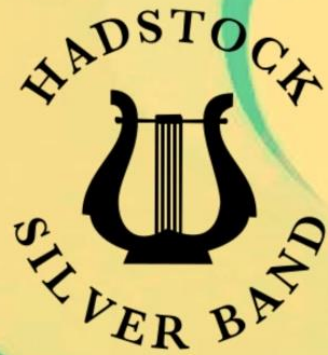
Music exams will be taking place in the church, vestry & coffee lounge on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March. Please do not enter these areas on those days and be mindful of keeping noise to a minimum around the site. Thank you.

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

- Dates for your Diary

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| February | | |
| 23 rd | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| 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 | | |

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| 1 st | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| | | (Women's) World Day of Prayer – details to follow |
| 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 |
| 8 th | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| 10 th | 10.30am | Preacher: Ian Levett - Mothering Sunday Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Lent 4 Flowers: Keith Barker |
| 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 |
| 15 th | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| 16 th | 3pm | Prayer & Praise for everyone – see notice above |
| 17 th | 10.30am | Preacher: Revd Andy Burrows – with Holy Communion and Membership service Flowers: Joanne & Tom Seljamae Prayer time form 10am in the Coffee Lounge. Lent 5 |
| | 3pm | Worship at the Meadows Care Home – meet in the foyer of the home at 2.45pm |
| 19 th | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| 20 th | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
| | 1-3pm | Young at Heart in the Church Hall |
| 22 nd | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| 24 th | 10.30am | Preacher: David Frost – Palm Sunday Flowers: Jill & Robert Archibald Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge |
| 28 th | 7pm | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service of reflection With David Frost & Revd Andy Burrows |
| 29 th | 10am | Good Friday Walk of Witness begins at Old Independent Church, Hamlet Road |
| 31 st | 8am | Holy Communion: Preacher Revd Sue King from Halsted |
| | 9am | Easter Breakfast with Church Family – sign up list to follow |
| | 10.30am | Easter Sunday Celebration – bring a few flowers to transform the cross! Preachers: Sarah Glasswell & Charmaine Slade Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Flowers: Church Easter Flowers |



Haverhill Youth & Community Band

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with special guests

Hadstock Silver Band

3rd 4pm
March

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A PASSION FOR EASTER

*Haverhill Singers and
Cambridge String
Ensemble perform the
emotional masterpiece
that is Bach's St John's
Passion. Plus evocative
works from Mozart,
Purcell, Tallis and more.*

SATURDAY 23rd March 2024 at 7pm
Tickets at just £15* which includes a
generous buffet plus hot and cold drinks.
West End Congregational Church,
Withersfield Road, Haverhill, CB9 9LA.



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Call: 07702 310044 / 07765 087424

*Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.