

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!*

*Romans 11:33*

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

- [World Day of Prayer](#)

Service at West End Congregational Church at 2pm today, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All welcome.

- [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 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.

Monthly Wellbeing Hubs

Saturday 3rd February & Saturday 2nd March, 7-9pm

- Open Mind Meaningful Support 1:1
- Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Workshop
- Drop-in cafe

[www.lhoh.uk](http://www.lhoh.uk)

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 😊

- Daffodils!

Some months ago I gave out daffodil bulbs in the morning service. If you planted yours in a pot and it's thriving, please bring it along to the Mothering Sunday service (10<sup>th</sup> March) to help decorate the church.

Many thanks,  
Ken

- Easter Breakfast

We are once again hosting breakfast on Easter Sunday morning at 9am. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer. We will need final numbers by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March in order to buy the food. All are welcome. Any questions then please speak with me.

Many thanks  
Susan

- Messy Church Easter Event

Our next Messy Church event is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 4-6pm. We would love some more helpers, especially a few willing to help in the kitchen. Please speak to Claire Evans if you can help.

## Come and join our EASTER PARTY!

*Free Easter event for all the family.  
Fun, games, arts and crafts, food!*

*Haverhill Methodist Church Hall  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00-6.00pm*

*All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Activities are mainly aimed at Primary age.*

**For more information or to book email:  
[HMCmessychurch@gmail.com](mailto:HMCmessychurch@gmail.com)**



- Good Friday Walk of Witness

The Haverhill & District Churches Together (HDCT) Good Friday Walk of Witness will start from the Old Independent Church in Hamlet Road with a short service at 10am. We will then walk along the High Street to the Market Square for a short public act of worship, followed by hot cross buns and tea/coffee in St Mary's church.

Please join us if you possibly can!

Any questions, speak to me - Kathy

- 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> April and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 for drinks)

No agenda, no commitment

Turn up, drink up, enjoy the world

All men

Questions? Call Ken 07808 066 733

**Not this week, Next Door is being decorated!**

- 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](mailto:haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com)

Many thanks, Kathy

- Next Door Café – holidays

In order to maintain opening hours during holiday periods, 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 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com)*

- Dates for your Diary

<b>March</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
		(Women's) World Day of Prayer – details to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade – All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Lent 3 Flowers: Nick & Jill Wray
5 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
6 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Ian Levett - Mothering Sunday Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge Lent 4 Flowers: Keith Barker
12 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
16 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Prayer & Praise for everyone – see notice above
17 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
20 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: David Frost – Palm Sunday Flowers: Jill & Robert Archibald Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
28 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service of reflection With David Frost & Revd Andy Burrows
29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Good Friday Walk of Witness begins at Old Independent Church, Hamlet Road
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>Clocks go forward at 2am on this date. Don't be late!</b>
	8am	Holy Communion: Preacher Revd Sue King from Halsted
	9am	Easter Breakfast with Church Family – sign up list in foyer
	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**

# **IN CONCERT**

*with special guests*

**Hadstock Silver Band**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 4pm**  
**March**

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Passion. Plus evocative  
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Tickets at just £15\* which includes a  
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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.