

GOD LOVES YOU!



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You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Psalm 86:5

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.

- 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 (10th March) to help decorate the church.

Many thanks,
Ken

- 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

- Funeral

On 20th March at 11am the funeral of Christine Nickson will take place in our church. Christine passed away on Valentine's Day, you will remember her from the prayer requests Keith sent out. Please continue to pray for the family at this difficult time.

Please note, this will mean limited parking at church at this time.

- Messy Church Easter Event

Our next Messy Church event is Sunday 24th 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 24th 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



- 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 24th March in order to buy the food. All are welcome. Any questions then please speak with me.

Many thanks

Susan

- 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

- Aid for Persecuted Christians

During Lent I am following the Barnabas Aid prayer manual. Each day there is an article on an area of the world or special situation where Christians are being persecuted for their faith.

The prayer on 19th February was for Burkina Faso which is a country which was once a place of religious tolerance where its majority (60%) Muslim population lived in peace with Christians (30%) and followers of African traditional religions (10%).

However, extremist insurgents from Mali and Niger since 2015 has changed that and in recent weeks there was a murderous attack on a Catholic Church service when several people died.

Barnabas Aid provide support in various ways to Christians in these situations and we would like to invite you support this work with a special offering during our Easter services. There will be a separate plate available for your contributions on Easter morning.

Thankyou,

Joyce Rinaldi

- 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

- 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 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).

- Haverhill Singers – Special Offer!!

Haverhill Singers wish to recognise the kindness you have shown us in using your hall and church over the past few years and being understanding when we have not always got things right!!!

As such all members of the Methodist Church who are interested in attending our choral concert on 23rd March at WECC (see poster after Diary Dates) will be offered the concessionary price of £10 per adult ticket (instead of £15.00). Children under 16 are still welcome at no charge. If you would like to take advantage of this generous offer please contact Celia on 07702 310044 or celiarandall@delta-point.co.uk to book your tickets. The concessionary rate is not available through the website.

- 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.

- Volunteering Opportunity with Methodist Youth Event 3Generate

3Generate Volunteering – launch!

Volunteering for 3Generate 2024 is open! This year we need to grow the team by 25% and want to encourage everyone in churches to consider getting involved. 3Generate takes place 4th-6th October 2024

There are 3 prime opportunities to care, help and engage as part of the event so the message is about finding a role that fits. Depending on a person's skills, experience and gifts one of the following teams may be preferred:

- Care: Night stewards, youth support, village hosts, team lounge hospitality, additional needs/accessibility team
- Operations: Reception, registration and stewards
- Venues: range of venues across site that cater for a variety of passions and interests, including The Arts Centre, The Theatre, The Rec, The Health & Wellbeing Centre and many more.

Here's Jude Levermore, Head of Mission, sharing why volunteering matters: Please see the video <https://youtu.be/iWCUqrTfEBU>

There is a particular need for village hosts and the youth support team. As a previous volunteer we'd encourage you to sign up today! Whether it's for the same role or you fancy trying something new. Why not share the postcard (attached) with others in your church and circuit and encourage them to consider joining the team?

Check: www.methodist.org.uk/3Genvols for further information.

Save the date: tickets for 3Gen 2024 go on sale Tuesday 16th April.

We're looking forward to all that 3Gen 2024 holds, especially for our children and young people. Let's keep tuning in and seeking God together day by day.

Sarah Remy
Events Assistant | The Connexional Team

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

- Dates for your Diary

March		
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
	11am	Funeral of Christine Nickson in Church
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
21 st & 22 nd	All day	Music exams in church, coffee lounge & vestry – no entry!
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	NOTE	Clocks go forward at 2am on this date. Don't be late!
	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
April		
2 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
3 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
5 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
7 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – All Age Worship Flowers: Church Easter Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge



Haverhill Youth & Community Band

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with special guests

Hadstock Silver Band

3rd March
4pm

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*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.



Book on-line @ www.haverhillsingers.org
Call: 07702 310044 / 07765 087424

*Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.

See notice above for concessionary rate!