

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast,  
because they trust in you.*

*Isaiah 26:3*

**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.

- Prayer & Praise time

We have arranged another time of praise and prayer for

**Saturday 16th March at 3pm.**

We hope that it will be a time of blessing for us all.

All welcome! Joyce

- Roof Rack

Does anybody have a van or car with a roof rack and could help me transport a ladder from 24 Hamlet Road to the church?

Thanks, John Loader

- Parking

Dear all,

This is an important request to car owners using the church car park. On Mothering Sunday, a member of our congregation was unable to exit our car park due to the entrance being blocked by three cars. Unfortunately, the member had to leave their car in the car park and make alternative arrangements to be present, albeit late, at the pre-planned family gathering.

Please, could anyone using our car park be courteous to others, and consider the emergency services. It is planned to put some bollards in this narrow entrance on Sundays.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Jacqueline Stewart

Senior Steward

- Funeral

On 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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**



- 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 – 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 your drinks.)

No agenda, no committees

Turn up, drink up and sort out the world

All men welcome!

Questions? Ken 07808 066 733

- Grapevine

The theme of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be

'Celebrating our District'.

We would like to hear about the wonderful things happening within and

around the District. Through this edition of grapevine, we are looking to celebrate our District, our churches, our members, our ministers and our own faith. There are so many wonderful achievements and things to share that we would really welcome you to send over articles that you think fit this theme.

If you would like to contribute an article that relates to this theme, or know of anyone else who might do, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text) if they are available. The deadline for articles is **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive, and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and kind regards

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- 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).

- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.



# The Methodist Church

Norwich Circuit

諾域治華人循道會

Bowthorpe Road Methodist Church

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Bowthorpe Road Methodist Church (Norwich Circuit) is looking for a  
**YOUTH WORKER (20 Hours per week)**

Are you passionate about young people's ministry?

Bowthorpe Road Methodist Church is a local church in Norwich circuit with both Chinese-speaking and English-speaking congregations that worship every Sunday. We have two Sunday services every week at the same time in different halls. Our church is not only open for worship on Sundays, but also provides a wide range of activities throughout the week for people of all ages and interests.

- To be responsible for the pastoral care and development of the children and youth work programmes for the age range 11-18 years within the church in consultation with church stewards.
- To embrace principles and practices of participation in all strategic development of work with children and young people and their faith development
- To enable children and young people to be fully participating members of the Church and community.

Salary: £12-13 per hour (Depending on experience)

Work base: Norwich

Permanent position dependent on continued funding.

An occupational requirement exists for the post holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Closing date for applications: End of Apr 2024

Interviews: Early May (TBC)

The successful applicant will require a satisfactory Enhanced DBS disclosure and successful completion of safer recruitment checks.

**For further details and application form: Pastor Stephen Lau,  
brmcnr58ab@gmail.com / 07936737859**

The Methodist Church is committed to the safeguarding of all.

*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>		
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 from 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
	11am	Funeral of Christine Nickson in Church
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All day	Music exams in church, coffee lounge & vestry – no entry!
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
<b>April</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – All Age Worship inc. dedication of bibles donated to Sunday Club by Thelma's family. Flowers: Church Easter Flowers Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
9 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
10 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door



# 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.



Book on-line @ [www.haverhillsingers.org](http://www.haverhillsingers.org)  
Call: 07702 310044 / 07765 087424

\*Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.

**See notice above for concessionary rate!**