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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

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.

- 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

- 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

- 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



- 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 the Barnabas Aid (<https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb>) prayer manual has a daily article on an area of the world or special situation where Christians are being persecuted for their faith.

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,

Church Stewards

- 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, 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

- 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 8th 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

Many thanks, Kathy

- 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.

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

- Dates for your Diary

March		
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
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
27 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
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 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 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
10 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
12 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
14 th	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Flowers: Marion Shipp Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
16 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
17 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
19 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
21 st	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows – Holy Communion New Members Welcome service Flowers: Freda Parker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge

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
Call: 07702 310044 / 07765 087424

*Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.

See above for HMC concessionary rate!