

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

**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.

- 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!

- 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

- Reminder

There will be a Pastoral Meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm in the Coffee Lounge. If you are a Pastoral Friend please do your best to be there.

- Young at Heart

Please note: Young at Heart will not be meeting this coming week (3<sup>rd</sup> April). See you all again on 10<sup>th</sup>!

- East Anglian Methodist Heritage Centre

The East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre at Wighton (NR23 1PG), will have a special Easter weekend opening on **Saturday 30 March and Monday 1 April**, from 11 am to 3 pm each day. It is a treasure trove of Methodist history, explaining the development of the church over the past 200 years through artefacts, ceramics and pictures collected from across East Anglia. Find out about the impact of the Methodist people through exhibits on music, youth work, overseas missions and social action. For those keen to study more, there is a well-stocked Library and growing collection of historic documents linked to the churches of East Anglia, including special orders of service, press cuttings and photos.

After the Easter weekend, the Heritage Centre, housed in the former Primitive Methodist Church, will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 am to 3 pm and is free to visit. Visits at other times, or for groups, can be arranged on request (please call 07546 732 092). You are assured of a warm welcome from the team of volunteers. They will be pleased to offer a cup of tea or coffee. Donations are welcome – or you may be tempted to purchase something from the sales area. A toilet is available and there is parking alongside the chapel.

- Walsingham Anniversary Service

On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024** at 2.30pm a District Service will take place at Little Walsingham Methodist Church, *on the occasion of Walsingham's*

230th anniversary. Refreshments to follow the service – more details nearer the time. For now please save the date.

- 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, 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

- 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.

- Prayer Diary

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

April

- 2 Pastoral Meeting
- 7 All Age Worship
- 21 Service to receive New Members
- 28 Morning worship followed by Coffee & Cake
- 28 Worship at the Meadows

### 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 Burows 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.

*Revd 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 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.

Information for publication in *Connect*, or on the *Sunday Morning Scroll* may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com)

