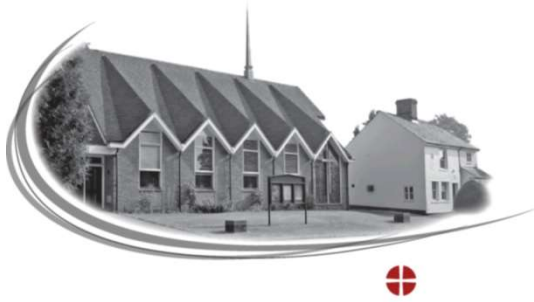


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## Connect Issue 202

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

*For the director of music. Of David the servant of the Lord. He sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:  
"I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."*

*Psalm 18:1-2*

**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.

- Cake Sunday

Following the huge success of the last Cake Sunday we are holding another one on Sunday 21st April following the morning service.

**\*\*Please note the change of date that was previously announced.\*\***

This coincides with a special communion service where we will be welcoming some new members into our Haverhill Methodist Family. Please do join us for refreshments and cake and a chance to get to know our new members.

We are looking for donations of cakes. To prevent being overrun with

cakes, please do let myself, Janet Etheridge or Gill Wadeson know if you can help. We are looking for “finger” style cakes, tray bakes, small cupcakes, etc.

Thank you

Susan Marren

- District International Visit

On Friday 5th. April, a party of five representatives from the East Anglia District will be flying to Zimbabwe for a District visit to the Harare West District to cement the partnership between our two Districts. Our District Representatives will return to East Anglia on Thursday 18th. April.

Our District representatives are the following people:

Revd. Dr. Julian M. Pursehouse, Mr. Deniz Kadriev, Mrs. Elaine Witham  
Revd. Nick Witham, Revd. Mary Sachikonye

This is a flavour of the itinerary for the trip:

- On arrival, there will be some rest days to begin with and then the following visits:
- Chivhu circuit. We come past Ngezi circuit then Beatrice Circuit.
- Darwendale Nyabira circuit and Chibero circuit and Sandringham school
- Urban tour of selected circuits Harare.
- Attending the District Synod
- We shall be visiting an orphanage, and we will be bringing several suitcases of new clothes and sports equipment for the children there.
- A trip to Victoria Falls

We are looking forward to this trip and would really value your thoughts and prayers as we tour this District, meet many people, and engage with different circuits and church projects.

[office@eangliamethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@eangliamethodist.org.uk)

- 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

- 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.

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>April</b>		
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
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson                      Flowers: Marion Shipp Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
16 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
17 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows – Holy Communion New Members Welcome service      Flowers: Freda Parker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
24 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Gavin Payne      Flowers: Sue & Stephen Symonds Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
30 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
<b>May</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade – All Age Worship Flowers: Mollie LeRoy Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
7 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
8 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant      Flowers: Linda & Ron Walker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge