# GOD LOVES YOU! 

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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9
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.

## - 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 welcome 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

- Help!!

Can anyone help with this request? I am going to need a supply of bales of straw for a community outreach event in November, does anyone know someone who could help please? We only want to borrow them for a couple of hours,

Thank you, Cham

## - An author amongst us!

One of our church family, John Insole (93), husband of Margaret (also 93), has written a memoir of his early years from 1931 to 1945, growing up in Wapping, East London. It is a very readable and fascinating story providing a social commentary on the area at that time. John has also created all the artwork to illustrate the book - he is a very talented man!


Copies of the book are available from Next Door, with all proceeds being donated to the church. Do pop in to Next Door and take a look.

## - 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 $-1^{\text {st }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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.


ONE Haverhill Partnership is delighted to host the very first Haverhill Science Festival. The primary aims of the festival are to promote the study of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics in schools; boost the educational aspirations of local students in Haverhill and promote training opportunities in high-tech industry. We also want to highlight to investors and researchers in the Cambridge sub-region why Haverhill is an ideal base to set-up science and technology businesses.
Every school in Haverhill is taking part, and we are extremely excited to announce a series of special guests and activities throughout the week.

See more about our bookable events below.

- Science \& Faith: Friends or Foes?


## Monday 22nd April - St Mary's Church

Russell Cowburn is Professor of Experimental Physics at the University of Cambridge, where he researches nanotechnology and its application to healthcare. He is also a Christian. Some people might find this a strange combination. In this talk, Prof. Cowburn explores some of the reasons some people think science and faith are incompatible and makes the case for why, in fact, they make perfect companions.

## Click HERE to find out more and book your tickets.

- Haverhill Business Networking at The Epicentre
- Haverhill Jobs, Skills and Well-being Fair
- An Evening with Lord Robert Winston
- What Can Space East Do For Your Business?
- Dr Mark Gallaway: Haverhill Planetarium

CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS AMAZING WEEK OF ACTIVITIES.

Three dates have been booked for worship at the Meadows, $28^{\text {th }}$ April and $23^{\text {rd }}$ June, all @ 3pm.
If you would like to go along and support this work please speak to Alan Carney.

- The Role of Pastoral Friend at Haverhill Methodist Church

1. To offer friendship, caring support and encouragement particularly in times of special need.
2. To keep in contact with those you are a pastoral friend to. This contact may happen through Sunday worship, home visits, telephone conversations, email or text or letters/cards.
3. To pray for and perhaps with those you are a pastoral friend to.
4. To make available our weekly Connect to those unable to access it.
5. To distribute the annual Methodist Church Membership Tickets and Adherent Tickets.
6. As appropriate, to inform the Pastoral Secretary and Church Minister of any serious illness, hospitalisation or if back up support is needed.
7. To inform the Safeguarding Officer of any concerns
8. To inform the Pastoral Secretary and Communication Team Leader of any changes in their contact details.
9. To attend Pastoral Meeting.

If you are interested in this Role please speak to Janet Etheridge

- 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 07808066733

## - Photowall

Thank You to all those who have sent me their 'selfies'. I now have a few more and put up the new version a week or two ago.

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

## - 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.

## - Sunday Club

Please remember to take a look at the Sunday Club Newsletter attached to this email. There is also an information sheet about Sunday Club for anyone new to the church or who needs to find out more.

## - Dates for your Diary

| April |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| $14^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30am | Preacher: Henry Wilson Flowers: Marion Shipp Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge |
| $16^{\text {th }}$ | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| $17^{\text {th }}$ | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
|  | 1-3pm | Young at Heart in the Church Hall |
| $19^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| $21^{\text {st }}$ | 10.30am | Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows - Holy Communion <br> New Members Welcome service Flowers: Freda Parker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge |
| $22^{\text {nd }}$ | 7-9pm | Science \& Faith: Friends or Foes @ St Mary's Church Free entry but you need to book - see link above |
| $23^{\text {rd }}$ | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| $24^{\text {th }}$ | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
|  | 1-3pm | Young at Heart in the Church Hall |
| $26^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| $27^{\text {th }}$ | All day | Synod at Huntingdon Methodist Church |
| $28^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30am | Preacher: Gavin Payne Flowers: Sue \& Stephen Symonds Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge |
| $30^{\text {th }}$ | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| May |  |  |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
|  | $1-3 \mathrm{pm}$ | Young at Heart in the Church Hall |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30am | Preacher: Charmaine Slade - All Age Worship <br> Flowers: Mollie LeRoy <br> Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
|  | 1-3pm | Young at Heart in the Church Hall |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30am | Preacher: Vivien Sargeant Flowers: Linda \& Ron Walker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge |
| $14^{\text {th }}$ | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| $15^{\text {th }}$ | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
|  | 1-3pm | Young at Heart in the Church Hall |
| $17^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30-12.30 | Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door |
| $19^{\text {th }}$ | 10.30am | Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows - Holy Communion - Pentecost <br> Flowers: Gill Wadeson <br> Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge |

