

GOD LOVES YOU!

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Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:25-26

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.

- **Sound Off?**

This special online event with interviews with members of Norwich Deaf Church will give a brief insight into church life and worship from the perspective of Deaf people and users of British Sign Language. It will help you to reflect on how your church might welcome members of the Deaf community.

Wednesday 15th May 7.00-8.00pm.

All welcome.

For more details and to book: [Sound Off? The experience of Deaf / BSL users in the church Tickets, Wed, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

- Pentecost Prayer for Haverhill

On Saturday 18th May a group from Haverhill Churches Together will be on the market square. They will be sharing chocolate and conversation with people on the street.

We plan to open our Church from 9.30 until 12 noon and invite you to join us in prayer support for this event.

We will have prayer suggestions for guidance and members of the prayer team available to pray with you if you wish.

In the evening the River of Life Church are hosting a time of prayer for Haverhill at the Chalkstone Community centre from 7pm until 9pm. All are welcome to either or both events.

God has promised revival in Haverhill when we come together to pray.

“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all of your heart.”

Jer. C29 verse 12.

See also this video:  [Pentecost v06.mp4](#)

- Worship at the Meadows care home

The next date booked for worship at the Meadows is 23rd June, @ 3pm. If you would like to go along and support this work please speak to Alan Carney.

- Mission Boxes

May I please have all Mission in Britain boxes and Overseas Mission boxes in for opening as soon as possible. I am asking for them earlier this year as Lloyds Bank is planning to close its doors in June and after that it will not be possible to bank small amounts of coin.

Hopefully we shall be discussing this at the Church Council meeting at the end of May and we can look at alternative ways of supporting this work.

Thankyou

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- 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.

- 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

- 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.

- Advance Notice

Music Exams will be taking place in the church, coffee lounge and vestry on June 27th & 28th. Please do not enter these areas and be mindful of noise around the site.

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

- Dates for your Diary

May		
3 rd	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
5 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade – All Age Worship Flowers: Mollie LeRoy Prayer time from 10am in the coffee lounge
7 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
8 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
9 th	7.30am	Start of Thy Kingdom Come Prayer – see video link above
10 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
12 th	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant Flowers: Linda & Ron Walker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
14 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
15 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
17 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
18 th	9.30am -12 & 7-9pm	Pentecost Prayer for Haverhill at HMC + HDCT on Market; Evening Prayer event at Chalkstone Centre
19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Andy Burrows – Holy Communion – Pentecost Flowers: Gill Wadeson Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
21 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
22 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
24 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Hilary Curtis Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
29 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
31 st	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
June		
2 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade - All Age Worship Flowers: Sue & Stephen Symonds Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
4 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
5 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
7 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
9 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Denny Letcher Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge