

GOD LOVES YOU!



Haverhill Methodist Church

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*I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.*
Psalm 116:1-2

Prayer Chain: If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email kathy.cohen@btinternet.com (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.

Make sure you've put the date in your diary!

Saturday 31st August @ 3pm

**Welcome service for
Revd Moses John and family**

Followed by refreshments

All Welcome!

- Cakes needed for Welcome Service

There will be a buffet tea after the Welcome Service for Moses so we are looking for donations of cakes. It will be a finger buffet so tray bakes, cupcakes etc would be most welcome. There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer for you to let us know what you are bringing. This will enable us to ensure that we have sufficient cakes for the tea.

We would need the cakes to be dropped off at the church between 10 - 12 on Saturday 31st August in order for us to set everything up before the service.

Thank you for your help.

The Catering Team

- Painting & Decorating

The church side entrance, "coffee area" and corridor are due to be redecorated in the week beginning 19 August. Please take extra care if you plan to use the church or coffee lounge as access may be restricted at some times.

Apologies for any inconvenience this might cause.

John Loader

- District Welcome Service for the new Chair

This will be taking place this Sunday at 3.30pm at Chapel Field Road Methodist Church in Norwich.

We welcome all to join us as we welcome the new Chair of the District, Rev Helen Hollands.

Following the service light refreshments will be served, which we also invite you to stay and enjoy.

Nearest parking options are:-

Bignold Primary School, Wessex Street, Norwich, NR2 2SY – Pay and Display car park, using card payments

Chantry Place, 40-46 St Stephens Street, Norwich, NR1 3SH – Pay on exit, underground car park.

Kind regards

Ms Danielle Gravestock

District Administrator

office@eangliamethodist.org.uk

District Office

Chapel Field Road Methodist Church, Norwich, NR2 1SD, Tel: 01603 625765

Normal Office Hours: Mon 09:30-14:00; Tues 09:30-15:00 (working from home); Wed 09:30-15:30 and Thurs: 09:30-14:00

- Sunday Club



Please join us for a Sunday Club Social

Fun and food!

When: Thursday 22nd August
4.30-7.00pm

Where: Church Hall

Grid, Splash and XStream all welcome!

Under 11s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please book by emailing Claire:
claire@evans-mail.co.uk



**Please join us for our
Sunday Club
Anniversary Service.**

**Sunday 8th September
10.30am**

**Followed by a picnic on
the Rec.**

Everyone is welcome!

- Shoe boxes and things to put in them

Members of the Church and Young at Heart have been busy knitting for the Shoe Box appeal, toys, hats etc. We intend to start selling them during September. The first date will be Wednesday 4th September in the Hall from 1.00-3.00pm, this is when Young at Heart meet. We will also be selling them on Sunday 29th September after the service; please remember to bring cash with you. Janet

- Suffolk Churches Sponsored Bike Ride

Saturday 14 September 9.00 to 5.00pm

The annual sponsored bike ride will take place as usual on the second Saturday in September (see poster at end).

Half of the money raised will be returned to our church funds and half will go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which offers grants to help maintain churches in the county.

Sandra and John have sponsor forms for anyone who would like to ride or walk between churches.

We are also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists to our church on the day, to sign their forms and offer refreshments. Please let us know if you can help for a one or two hour session.

The Britten family are planning to take part again this year and would welcome your donations. Also, Anne Goodchild is hoping to walk between the churches in Haverhill.

Thanks,

Sandra and John Loader

- Charity Bingo Night

In aid of Open Mind, 28th September, 6.30 for 7pm at the Chalkstone Centre. See poster at the end for more info. Please note this is a CASH ONLY event.

- Sunday Refreshments

I am making a new rota for coffee/tea duty on Sundays. We would welcome new people to help as the more people there are on the list the less frequently everyone has to work.

You would be paired with someone who is familiar with the kitchen and this is a very good way to get to know people in Church, so even if you are very new to our fellowship, please consider if this is something you could do.

My email is joycee.rinaldi@outlook.com , telephone 07799 006 239.

Many thanks

Joyce Rinaldi

- Wanted - Painter

The noticeboard on the lawn in front of the church is being updated in preparation for the arrival of our new minister, Rev Moses John, at the end of the month. The two black metal posts which support the noticeboard are

in poor condition and need a coat of paint. If you, or someone you know is able to help with this please let me know.

John Loader

- Grapevine articles please!

The theme of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be 'Welcome and hospitality'.

Through this edition of grapevine, we are looking to celebrate and share how our District, our churches, our members, and our ministers have shown great hospitality, or ways in which you have welcomed people to share in your faith and into your church.

There are so many wonderful examples of how we as a District welcome people to our churches and the great hospitality we show, and we would really welcome you to send over articles that you think fit this theme, so we can share this with others.

If you would like to contribute an article that relates to this theme, 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). The deadline for articles is Friday 6th September 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

Ms Danielle Gravestock

District Administrator

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- Photowall

The Photowall is coming along nicely, with well over 100 faces and names already – BUT – is your face among them? If not, **please** send me a selfie asap (head & shoulders, couples together, no kids to haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com) or ask me to take one on Sunday.

The photowall is really 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.

Moses is already using it to get to know names and faces!

Many thanks, Kathy

- House Groups

Several of our house groups are now full but there are still spaces with 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.

- Christian Employment Opportunities



The Methodist Church
East Anglia District

DISTRICT FUNDRAISING OFFICER

The East Anglia District is seeking to appoint a lead Fundraising Officer.

We are looking for a highly motivated candidate with excellent communication skills, relevant experience and enthusiasm for mission or community development. They will be responsible for researching and writing funding applications to secure and administer income for a number of exciting projects across the East Anglia District.

This post is home based.

7 Hours per week.

£14 an hour.

This post is a permanent contract; funding has been identified for 3 years, with further funding subject to review.

A satisfactory disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service is required.

For further details and an application pack please email:

DLES@eangliamethodist.org.uk

Closing Date for Applications: Monday 16th September.

Interview Date: Tuesday 1st October.

Start Date: As soon as possible thereafter.

THE METHODIST CHURCH IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFEGUARDING OF ALL.

HMP Chaplains

I ask for your prayers for our ministry at HMP Highpoint and hoping you could share the above advert with your congregation and new minister? I don't have your new minister's email address, but could you share it with them or anyone who might be interested.

Despite the weird wording, (blame civil service protocols) I have finally got approval to hire 1.5 full time equivalent Christian chaplains in our West Suffolk prison. Lay or ordained and needs to be of a Christian denomination. Click [here](#) for the full advertisement.

If you know anyone who could be interested, I am happy to arrange an in person visit or zoom call. Full or part time. Chaplains who are full time either work a Saturday if Catholic or Sunday if Anglican/Free Church and get paid 20% extra for doing so on top of the salary and the Alpha civil service

pension. Part timers also work Sundays or Saturdays but on a rota. Hours are 8 am to 4-5pm, with flexileave scheme and shorter hours on weekends.

Many thanks.

Rev. Wendy Norris

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My usual working pattern is Sunday to Thursday.

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

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride



Suffolk
Historic
Churches
Trust

**Saturday,
14 September 2024
9.00am - 5.00pm**

Local Organiser
from whom sponsorship
forms are available:

*Sandra
Loader*



Visit shct.org.uk for more information.

You can also find us on Facebook and X.

Sponsorship money raised will be divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.



**CASH ONLY
EVENT**



CHARITY NIGHT
SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Come and join us for an evening of bingo, live music by "Country Connection" (classic Country & Western), licensed bar & raffle!

Cash prizes to be won along with much more!

All money raised will be going to Open Mind Meaningful Support.

**CHALKSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
CB9 0JB**

**6.30 PM
EYES DOWN AT
7PM**

**£10
for
6 Games**

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To book a place please contact Debbie either by
email or mobile to 07775 740483 or
debbie.gibson1972@googlemail.com

- Dates for your Diary

August		
23 rd	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
25 th	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Flowers: Mary Thake/Anne Turner Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
	3.30pm	Revd Helen Hollands Welcome Svce @ Norwich (See above)
27 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
28 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
30 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
31 st	3pm	Welcome Service for Revd Moses, led by Revd Andy Burrows Chair of District, Helen Hollands preaching
September		
1 st	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John – HC Flowers: Linda Arrowsmith Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
3 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
4 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart resumes in the Church Hall – selling items for shoe boxes
6 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
8 th	10.30am	Sunday Club Anniversary Service followed by picnic on the Rec <div style="text-align: right;">Flowers: Margaret Taylor</div> Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
10 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart resumes in the Church Hall
13 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
14 th	All day	Historic Churches Bike Ride – volunteers needed, see poster
15 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John Flowers: Phyl Hall Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
17 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart resumes in the Church Hall
20 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
22 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Anthea & David Payne Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
24 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
25 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
27 th	10.30-12.30	Men's Coffee Club (MCC) in Next Door
28 th	6.30pm	Charity Bingo Night in aid of Open Mind
29 th	10.30am	Preacher: Revd Moses John Flowers: Vacant* Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge

* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds
01440 763613 or harrys62@sky.com