

GOD LOVES YOU!



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When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Psalm 118:5-6

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 200 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.

- Greetings from North of the Border!

I spoke with Jacqueline Stewart last week, she has asked me to let you all know that they have a new home telephone line, as the mobile signal is poor where they live. The number is 01592 377060.

She sends her best wishes to you all and hopes that you may wish to give her a call whenever possible; they both miss the Church family.

Pat

- Can you read? Can you pray?

As you are probably aware, scripture readings and prayers for others in our Sunday services run on a rota basis with volunteers.

We are coming towards the end of the current rota and we have lost a number people through moving away, illness, age and other reasons. So we are looking for volunteers to join the lists.
No one is on rota for the first Sunday in the month as this is always covered by the young people.

For the readings you will probably only be on the rota a couple of times a year. Your reading will be emailed to you with at least 24-hours notice, usually longer, and the words will be printed in an easy to read format ready to pick up from behind the sound desk on Sunday morning.

For the prayers you will be on rota more often, but the more volunteers we get, the less often you will be needed! You will need to write your own or find something suitable on the internet or from a book, or a mixture of both. You can have responses (which can be put on screen provided you let us know before Sunday) or not as you wish. Some people incorporate specific recent news events or the preacher's theme, others are more general. It's up to you.

If you feel you could serve God and the church in either of these roles, or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on 01440 762536 or kathy.cohen@btinternet.com

Many thanks, Kathy

- Date for your diary

We will be holding an "International Food Evening" on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Bring, share and experience a variety of food that represents and celebrates the various cultures that make up our amazing family of Haverhill Methodist Church.

So pop the date in your diary for this wonderful event. More details will be given in due course.

Susan Marren

- Haverhill & District Churches Together News and Events
 - Prayer Conference with David Kunihiro – TOMORROW!
Saturday 15th March from 9.30am at River of Life

A prayer conference with guest speaker David Kunihiro and worship band Arc Sydenham, focusing on Isaiah's prophecy to build a 'house of prayer for all nations'. Please register for free tickets using the poster at the end of this issue of Connect.

- Induction of Chris Kemshell as Pastor of OIC

Saturday 22nd March at 2pm at the Old Independent

We welcome Chris Kemshell, pastor of Linton Free Church, to be also the new pastor of the Old Independent and work half of his time in Haverhill.

- Concert with Haverhill Singers: 'The Armed Man'

Saturday 22nd March at 7pm at St Mary's

The Haverhill Singers perform Karl Jenkins's 'the Armed Man: a Mass for Peace' alongside a small orchestra. Tickets and more details available via the poster at the end of this issue of Connect.

- Supporting others at no cost to you!



If anyone is shopping in Tesco over the next few weeks, please consider putting your blue tokens in the Haverhill Scout and Guide HQ fundraiser. We are hoping to get some money to go towards finishing the new building. Many thanks, Abi, Stuart, Jack & all the leaders and young people!

- Opportunity to serve the Community

Sense, the deaf-blind charity, are looking for volunteers to work in their Haverhill shop on Jubilee Walk. If you are interested in serving the community in this way please see the poster at the end of this edition of Connect for more details.

- Car Park

The car park has recently been very congested and a few folk were unable to move their cars after the service as they were blocked in.

When parking please:

- Do not block other cars in the car park
- Do not park on the double yellow lines in front of the coffee lounge
- Do not park at the entry to the church between the church and next door.

Note: the car park by the council offices/library is free on Sundays and is only a short walk away.

- 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.

- Photowall

The Photowall has over 100 faces and names on it already – BUT – is your face among them? If not, you must have taken some photos over the Christmas period so please choose a good one and send it to me to add to our collection (couples together, no kids, preferably head & shoulders but I can crop if needed) to haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com.

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 has been using it to get to know names and faces!

Many thanks, Kathy

- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors are on the streets this Friday 7th March, from 8pm to midnight. Please keep them in your prayers and support those who bring this important ministry to our streets.

If you are interested in becoming part of this aspect of God's work in our town please speak to Kathy, Angela Proctor, David Payne, Phoebe, Mary Thake, Pat Shanks, Dot Parker, Sarah Glasswell, Paula Tappin or Jack Tappin, we can all tell you about our experiences as home prayers, base leaders or actually being out on the streets. Or contact the chairman, Ian Levett.

- Advance Notice

On 27th & 28th March there will be Music Exams taking place in the Church, Vestry & Coffee Lounge These areas will be unavailable for access.

Friday 18th April 10am – Walk of Witness from OIC, Hamlet Road to Market Square. More details nearer the date

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

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH



MARCH 15TH, 2025



Guest speaker

DAVIS KUNIHIRA

Prayer Conference

**“My house shall be called a house
of prayer for all nations”.**

Isaiah 56:7



**WORSHIP BAND,
ARC SYDENHAM**

From 9:30-1 pm

Chalkstone Community Center

CB9 0JB

For more details please

contact:

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Haverhill
Singers

and



PRESENTS

Karl Jenkins'
extraordinary opus:

The ARMED MAN

A Mass For Peace

**St Mary's Church, High St,
Haverhill, CB9 8AX.
22nd March 2025 @ 7pm**



scan to book
on-line

**Tickets on the door at £15*
Or book on-line
@www.haverhillsingers.org
Call: 07702 310044
or 07765 087424**

***Accompanied children under 16 F.O.C.**

Welcome Spaces

*A place where you can stop by to
speak to our advice team*

Open 2-4pm each weekday

Monday @ The Link

45A High St, Haverhill CB9 8AE

Tuesday @ West Suffolk College Building

Provincial House, 32 High St, Haverhill CB9 8AR

Wednesday @ Chalkstone Community Centre

Millfields Way, Haverhill CB9 0JB

Thursday @ Methodist Church Hall

28 Camps Rd, Haverhill CB9 8HF

Friday @ St

Mary's Church

High Street, Haverhill,
CB9 8AX



We can help with:

Council tax reductions

Additional financial help for pensioners

Highlighting unclaimed support

Options for those working or
unemployed

Free childcare/other

support for parents

Utility reductions

Emergency food

SCAN ME



0800 009 6710

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

ReachCP.org.uk/WelcomeSpaces

Registered Charity No 1169108



Community Projects



Volunteer in our shop and help change lives

If you....

- Want to learn retail skills
- Would like to make new friends
- Have a spare morning or afternoon
- Want to make a real difference to someone's life

Then your support is needed!



www.sense.org.uk

Charity number 289868

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connecting sight, sound and life

