

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock,  
my refuge.*

*Psalm 62:7*

**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 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.

- Messy Church – could you be involved?

Our Easter Messy Church event is on Sunday 13th April, 4-6pm and we could really do with a bit more help! There are many ways you could be involved. If you haven't given it a try before, you would be most welcome! In particular, we could do with some more help in the kitchen this time. Please contact Claire if you would like to help. [Claire@evans-mail.co.uk](mailto:Claire@evans-mail.co.uk)

We are also in need of foil containers (round/square/rectangular), decorative pebbles and yoghurt pots to help us create some Easter gardens.

Please pass on to any of the Sunday Club team.

Thank you!

Claire

# Come and join our EASTER PARTY!

Free Easter event for all the family.  
Fun, games, arts and crafts, food!

Haverhill Methodist Church Hall  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 4.00-6.00pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Activities are mainly aimed at Primary age.

**For more information or to book email:**  
**[HMCmessychurch@gmail.com](mailto:HMCmessychurch@gmail.com)**



**Please include any  
dietary requirements**

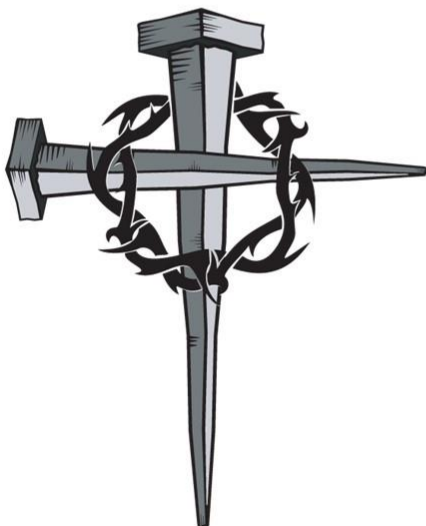


- Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be closed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.



*Working to express the Christian Gospel in word and action*



## Good Friday Walk of Witness

Good Friday ~ 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

10am @ West End Church service

10.20am Walk of Witness

10.40am Worship on Market Square

11.15am Refreshments in St Mary's

(including hot cross buns!)

- Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday is fast approaching and we will once again be hosting breakfast following the communion service. Breakfast will be served at 9am. We will be serving sausage and bacon rolls, fruit juices, tea and coffee. There may even be some chocolate. **There will be a sign up sheet in the front foyer for you to confirm your attendance.** Please also note on the sheet any dietary requirements.

We are also in need of someone who could arrange small vases of flowers for the tables. If this is something that you can help with then please get in touch with myself as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing many of our church family starting Easter Sunday in fellowship and food.

Thank you, Susan Marren

- Food, Glorious Food!

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

- 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](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com)

Many thanks, Kathy

- Haverhill & District Churches Together News and Events
  - Dates of Haverhill Praise at West End Congregational Church, all at 4pm:  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Sep 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>
- Watoto Choir Concerts



The Watoto Childrens Choir are currently on a tour of the UK. Locally they will be performing in Colchester (25<sup>th</sup> April), Bury St Edmunds (26<sup>th</sup> April) & Cambridge (27<sup>th</sup> April – 2 shows). Find out more [here](#).

Tickets, which are FREE, can be obtained through Eventbrite [here](#).

- Breathe Women's Conference



More details & book tickets [here](#).

- 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!

- 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/online banking, 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.

- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors are on the streets next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 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.



*Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com)*



# 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

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[ReachCP.org.uk/WelcomeSpaces](http://ReachCP.org.uk/WelcomeSpaces)

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**Reach**  
Community Projects

# Downs Baptist Chapel Haverhill

[downsbaptisthaverhill.org.uk](http://downsbaptisthaverhill.org.uk)

Service of Thanksgiving to the Lord  
for 1975-2025 pastoral oversight

God willing on  
Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 2.30pm

when  
Mr Peter Chapman  
(Baldock Baptist Church)  
will lead worship

There will be refreshments afterwards  
in the Garden Annexe

Offerings of the day for the Salisbury Reformed Seminary

A warm welcome awaits you

Would appreciate a call to Daphne  
on 07570 101104 if you are thinking  
of coming as it will be helpful for catering!



- Dates for your Diary

<b>March</b>		
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall – see poster
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday Flowers: Freda Parker Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am-12	Lent Study 4 in Church Hall
<b>April</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study 4 on Zoom
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	All Age Worship: Peter Barton – Adopt-a-Child - Lent 5 Flowers: Sue & Stephen Symonds Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12	Lent Study 5 in Church Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study 5 on Zoom
10 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – Palm Sunday Flowers: Liz Garwood Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12	Lent Study 6 in Church Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
16 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study 6 on Zoom
17 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion - Moses & David Frost
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Good Friday Walk of Witness from OIC to Market Square
20 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Easter Morning Holy Communion - Moses
	9am	Easter Breakfast – all welcome, don't forget to sign up
	10.30am	Easter Sunday Celebration Service – Moses If possible bring a few flowers to transform the Lent Cross Church Easter Flowers 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](mailto:harrys62@sky.com)