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Haverhill Methodist Church

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Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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.

40 days of prayer for Haverhill at HMC



From 30th April to 8th June (Pentecost) the church will be open between 11am and 12 noon for people to come and pray for Haverhill. There will be a large map of the town on display, divided into 40 sections, to help focus your prayers on particular areas or streets, A4 copies of these sections will also be available.

Please sign up for a time slot on the sheets provided in church – multiple people per slot are encouraged! If you can't get to church to sign up, please email haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com with your chosen date/s, to be added to the list.

• Electrician in Church

There will be an electrician in the hall and the church on Monday 12th May and in the church for the rest of the week. Please do not enter these areas.

• 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

• Car Park

To help relieve congestion in the church car park on Sunday mornings we have been given kind permission by the Haverhill Family Practice doctors' surgery and pharmacy to use their rear car park. This is located just down Camps Road from the church (NOT the one across the road).

Please take care and be considerate to other users, from the Baptist Church and Haverhill Pharmacy, or else this kind privilege could be withdrawn.

Parking at any time other than Sunday mornings is prohibited.

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.

Town Pastors

The Town Pastors will be on the streets tonight, 2nd May, from 8pm to midnight (as well as marshalling the Walk of Witness in the morning!). 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, lan Levett.

- Haverhill & District Churches Together News and Events
- Dates of Haverhill Praise at West End Congregational Church, all at 4pm:

May 11th, July 20th, Sep 28th, Nov 30th

 Thursday 8th May: Service for the Anniversary of VE Day, 7pm @ St Mary's Church, including Handel's Hallelujah Chorus – as in 1945

Downs Baptist Chapel Haverhill

downsbaptisthaverhill.org.uk

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

God willing on Saturday April 26th 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

May	Tor your Dia	
2 nd	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
_	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
3 rd	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
		All Age Worship: Rev Moses John
4 th	10.30am	Flowers: Linda & Ron Walker
		Prayer time from 10am in the Coffee Lounge
5 th	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
6 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
7 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
8 th	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
9 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
10 th	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
11 th	10.30	Preacher: Helen Hollands – District Chair
	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: G Wadeson
12 th	All week	Electrician in church and hall (Monday only) – do not enter
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
13 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
14 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 th	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
	2-4pm	Reach: Welcome Spaces in Church Hall
16 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
17 th	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
18 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Holy Communion
	10.50aiii	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Hilary Curtis
19 th	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
20 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
21 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Property Meeting
22 nd	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church

^{*} If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds 01440 763613 or <u>harrys62@sky.com</u>