

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Psalm 37:4*

**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 the 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 30<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost) the church will be open between 11am and 12noon for people to come and pray. 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](mailto:haverhillmethodist.info@gmail.com) with your chosen date/s, to be added to the list. It's also OK to just turn up.



- International Evening!

Do you like trying different foods? Then come along on Saturday 14th June to sample a variety of cuisines from around the world. We are looking for people to cook a national dish from their country. We are not expecting your

dish to feed everyone but to provide a sample for people to taste. We are so blessed to have so many different nationalities that make up our wonderful church family so let's all come together and enjoy each other's culture and food!

The evening will start at 5.30pm. If bringing hot food, it will need to be brought hot and ready to eat as unfortunately we do not have the facilities to heat through lots of food. Refreshments will be provided.

There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer. Please do sign up as this will help give us an idea of numbers attending and what dishes are being provided. If you are unable to sign the sheet then you can email me on [susanmarren568@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarren568@gmail.com)

Looking forward to an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Susan Marren

- Music Exams

There will be music exams taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please do not enter these areas and please be aware of noise around the site, particularly in the car park. Thank you.

- 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.

- Job opportunity #1

Huntingdon and Sawtry Methodist Churches are seeking to employ a 'Community Mission worker'. Please find the job advert attached below.

- Job opportunity #2

The Methodist Church's 'New Places for New People' team is advertising an exciting new vacancy for a full time Surf Church Planter and Missional Pioneer in Mundesley, North Norfolk. The full job advert is attached below.

- Haverhill & District Churches Together News and Events

Dates of Haverhill Praise at West End Congregational Church, all at 4pm:  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, Sep 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

- Upcoming Reach Events

The Big Garden Centre Sleepout- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Sturmer Garden Centre. Sleepout to help local families facing crisis- more details coming soon!

The Design Challenge- (For under 12-year-olds) 'Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to design a BRAND NEW thank you postcard for Reach during Harvest 2025!' Can you help us? Visit [ReachCP.org.uk/competition](http://ReachCP.org.uk/competition) to enter! (Deadline: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August)

- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors will be on the streets tonight, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 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 Cohen, Angela Proctor, David Payne, Phoebe, Mary Thake, Pat Shanks, Dot Parker or Sarah Glasswell. 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.



- Connecting Communities

Do you find it difficult to get to college, to the shops, medical appointments, work, or to visit your friends or family in the county? Connecting Communities are here to support those who do not have access to a regular bus service, or who struggle to use public transport.

Please find attached below two posters regarding their transport service and their 'Let's do Lunch' initiative.

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

- Dates for your Diary

<b>May</b>		
30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
31 <sup>st</sup>	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
<b>June</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John - All Age Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Sue & Stephen Symonds
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
	3.30-6.00pm	Reach in the Church Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
4 <sup>th</sup>	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
5 <sup>th</sup>	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
7 <sup>th</sup>	11am - 12	40 days of Prayer for Haverhill in church
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Pentecost, Holy Communion Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Denny Letcher
9 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-6.00pm	Reach in the Church Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7:30pm	Church Council in the Church Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	International Evening in the Church Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John - Father's Day Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Vacant
17 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in Church Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Angela Proctor
24 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)

\* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds  
01440 763613 or [harrys62@sky.com](mailto:harrys62@sky.com)



# Community Mission worker

## Based at Huntingdon and Sawtry Methodist Churches

(17 High Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TE and 9 Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX)

An exciting opening has arisen for an enthusiastic and creative applicant to encourage and develop mission and discipleship opportunities, particularly focussed on people on the edge of our church communities in Huntingdon and Sawtry. The successful applicant will have a passion for making visible the love of Christ, a joy in communicating with people, a confident and friendly character and a good sense of humour.

Working in partnership with the Superintendent Minister, local church leadership teams and a range of lay volunteers, the role will involve helping churches to make the most of their missional resources and to realise currently unfulfilled opportunities.

At Sawtry, the need is to make links with the local community where new housing is being constructed. At Huntingdon, there will be the opportunity to focus on supporting and creating opportunities for children and families. The appointee will be able to get to know children and families at the Tots' group called "Seedlings", the Messy Church called "All sorts" and children and families who attend Sunday morning worship and then build upon these initiatives.

This appointment is for a permanent contract, dependent on continued funding, initially identified for 5 years. Commencing October 2025. A job-share may be possible.

Salary: £13 - £15 per hour depending on qualifications and experience.  
The post will be for 12 hours a week split between the two sites.

For [an application pack please email the Circuit Steward, Pauline Zahner, on \[przahner@icloud.com\]\(mailto:przahner@icloud.com\)](#)

Closing date for applications – **Monday, July 14th, 2025**  
Interviews to be held on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

In accordance with the Equality Act 2010 it is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a practising Christian and we would expect the postholder to adhere to the values of the Methodist Church.

An enhanced DBS check will be required for this appointment.

*The Methodist Church is an inclusive Church committed to the Safeguarding of all.*



*Wavestation*  
**Surf – Faith – People**

## Job Opportunity **Surf Church Planter & Missional Pioneer**

**Location:** Mundesley, North Norfolk (Home-based with coastal engagement)

**Salary:** £30,888 per annum (£16.50/hour)

**Hours:** 36 hours per week

**Contract:** Permanent dependent on continuing funding, initially identified for 5 years



Do you have a heart for mission, a love for the coast, and a calling to pioneer something new?



We are looking for a visionary, enthusiastic and faith-filled Surf Church Planter & Missional Pioneer to launch and lead **Wavestation Surf Church** – a brand new expression of church rooted in the coastal community of Mundesley, Norfolk.



In partnership, **North Norfolk Methodist Circuit** and **East Anglia Methodist District**, are creating Wavestation – a bold new church plant designed for surfers, beach lovers, and the wider coastal community.  
Part of the **New Places for New People** movement.

A satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service will be required.

For an informal conversation about the role please contact Dr Yasmin Finch, District Mission Enabler: [yrfinch@gmail.com](mailto:yrfinch@gmail.com)

For further information and an application pack please contact Kate Dalton:  
[DLES@eangliamethodist.org.uk](mailto:DLES@eangliamethodist.org.uk)

Closing Date for Applications: 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
Interview Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June.

# connecting **communities**

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**Connecting Communities is a transport service designed to make it easier for those in the Haverhill area to travel.**

Do you find it difficult to get to college, to the shops, medical appointments, work or to visit your friends and family in the county?

We are here to support those journeys that are not otherwise possible.

**We cover Haverhill, Abington, Bartlow, Great Wrating, Horseheath, Kedington, Linton, Shudy Camps, Steeple Bumpstead, The Thurlows, West Wickham, Weston Colville, Withersfield, The Wrattings**

We support those who

- do not have access to a regular bus service or
- have difficulty using public transport.

Give us a call to find out if we can help you to stay connected.

[www.thevoluntarynetwork.org](http://www.thevoluntarynetwork.org)

[transport@thevoluntarynetwork.org](mailto:transport@thevoluntarynetwork.org)

01638 664304



# LET'S do LUNCH

## HAVERHILL AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

**Fancy Lunch out? Why not join us for one of  
our regular lunch trips.**

We book the restaurant, you simply pay your  
travel fare from £8.00, select and pay for your  
meal at the restaurant.

A great way to catch up with friends or meet  
new people.

Please call the office for further details:

**01638 664304**