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### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Isaiah 46:4

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email <a href="mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com">kathy.cohen@btinternet.com</a> (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

This Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost) is the last day of our 40 days of prayer. Until then, the church will still be open between 11am and 12noon every day. Please do come along and pray with us for the world, the UK, Haverhill and HMC.



#### 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

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.

#### New YFC Cooking Group

Our Youth For Christ Worker, Sarah, has set up a new cooking group with Clare Baptist Church for young people in school years 7-8. The group is free, and will run on Wednesdays between 3:15 and 5:30pm in the Baptist Church's Kitchen. Please do pray for Sarah and the team as they begin this exciting new venture, and do get in contact if you know any young people in Clare who might be interested. More information on the advert below.

#### • Job opportunity #1

Huntingdon and Sawtry Methodist Churches are seeking to employ a 'Community Mission worker'. The closing date for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> July. 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 closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> June. The full job advert is attached below.

#### • Job opportunity #3

REACH is advertising for a part-time 'Fundraising and Communications Assistant'. The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June. More information is available from their website: www.reachcp.org.uk, under 'Vacancies'.

### • 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 to enter! (Deadline: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August)

#### Town Pastors

The Town Pastors will be on the streets tonight, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 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.

#### Armed Forces Day

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, from 11am in the town centre, Haverhill Town Council will hold a day to pay tribute to those who have served in the Armed Forces. There will be a military vehicle convoy, with entertainment and stalls on the Market Square. For more information, please see the advert below.

Dates for your Diary

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	June		
	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
			Preacher: Rev Moses John- Pentecost, Holy Communion
	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	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
			Preacher: Rev Daniel Morris-Chapman- Father's Day
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
			Flowers:
	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
			Preacher: Rev Moses John
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	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)
	25 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Music exams taking place- please do not enter!
		10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
		1-3pm	Young at Heart in Church Hall
	26 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Music exams taking place- please do not enter!
	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
			Preacher: Kim Moses
	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
			Flowers: Tracy Creasy
		6.30pm	Evening Youth Service
	July		
	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 Church Hall
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Little Tots Baby & Toddler group in Church Hall
			Haverhill Show- short service on the Rec at 10am, no
	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	service in church.
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<sup>\*</sup> If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds 01440 763613 or <a href="https://harrys62.go/harrys62.



## NEW COOKING GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CLARE!

For School Years 7-8

Learn cooking skills, make new friends, explore Christian faith, eat a meal together

Clare Baptist Church Wednesdays 3.15-5.30

FREE!
Only 8 spaces available



For info contact Sarah <a href="mailto:info@haverhill.yfc.co.uk">info@haverhill.yfc.co.uk</a>
or Vivien <a href="mailto:Secretary@clarebaptistchurch.org.uk">Secretary@clarebaptistchurch.org.uk</a>

with Clare Baptist Church



# **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

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.





# 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

For further information and an application pack please contact Kate Dalton: DLES@eangliamethodist.org.uk

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

Interview Date: 26th June.



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 Wratting, 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

transport@thevoluntarynetwork.org

01638 664304





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# 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



Saturday 28 June • FREE

# Armed Forces Day

11:00am – 11:30am Military Vehicle Convoy around Haverhill 11:00am – 3:00pm Entertainment and stalls, Market Square

Supporting Blesma, assisting serving and ex-Service personnel who have suffered life-changing limb loss and other injuries







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