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For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.

Isaiah 33:22

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 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.

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to our International Evening on Saturday. From the helpers setting up the hall, those that helped clear up at the end and most importantly to all those who brought such wonderful dishes of food. What a delight to taste food from around the world and to enjoy fabulous fellowship with each other. Our Haverhill family is a wonderful fusion of cultures and nationalities and this was showcased brilliantly on Saturday night. So, once again, THANK YOU.

Advance dates for your diaries: Sunday 13th July - Cake Sunday and Sunday 7th September, this will be our Sunday School Anniversary and Church BBQ. More details to follow.

Susan Marren

• Environmentally Friendly Church

God gave us our wonderful world to enjoy and use wisely. We know that human beings have polluted and destroyed much of our environment. We need to take measures to protect and encourage it.

A document will be available on Sunday with topics listed which you can use to start conversations within your house about how you might make a difference. If some of these are not relevant to you, do not worry. We cannot solve all the world's problems by ourselves but we can make sure that we can do something positive.

Please collect yours from the foyer as you come in to church. Many thanks,

Ken

Music Exams

There will be music exams taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th 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

REACH is advertising for a part-time 'Fundraising and Communications Assistant'. The closing date for applications is 30th 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 20th, Sep 28th, Nov 30th

Upcoming Reach Events

The Big Garden Centre Sleepout- TODAY Friday 20th 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 31st August)

Town Pastors

The Town Pastors will be on the streets next Friday, 27th 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.

Support and Advice

Are you in need of support and advice for yourself or an elderly person you are caring for? Come along to a 'coffee, cake and chat' drop-in session in the main hall at Haverhill Arts Centre on Tuesday 1st July. Please see the poster below for more information.

Armed Forces Day

Next Saturday 28th 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.

• Volunteers Needed

The Sense charity shop in town is looking for new volunteers. Please see the poster below, and do get in contact if you feel you could help. Thank you.

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

Dates for your Diary

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aand	10.00	Preacher: Rev Moses John
22 nd	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
th	_	Flowers: Angela Proctor
24 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
25 th	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 th	All day	Music exams taking place- please do not enter!
28 th	11am-3pm	Armed Forces Day- Market Square
		Preacher: Kim Moses
29 th	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Tracy Creasy
	6.30pm	Evening Youth Service
July		
1 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
2 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in Church Hall
	-	Haverhill Show- short service on the Rec at 10am, no
6 th	10.30am	service in church.
8 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
9 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in Church Hall
		Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion
13 th	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Dot and Tom Parker
15 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
16 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in Church Hall
		Preacher: Sarah Glasswell
20 th	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Claire Guilfoyle
22 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
23 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
23	1-3pm	· ·
	1-2hiii	Young at Heart in Church Hall Preacher: Rev Mike Wilson
27 th	10.30am	
21	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
29 th	11 12	Flowers: Brenda and Alan Wadsworth
	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
30 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in Church Hall

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



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

In need of support and advice for yourself or an elderly person you are caring for?

Don't feel isolated.

Come and explore your options with people who can help you.

Drop in and join us for coffee, cake and a chat anytime between 10am and 2pm!

Main Hall at Haverhill Arts Centre on Tuesday 1st July, 2025.



"EMPOWERING & SUPPORTING THE CARERS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE"



Co-ordinated by your Patient Participation Groups Supported by Haverhill Town Council







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







@haverhilltowncouncil



Volunteer with Sense

Your local Sense shop needs more people to join their amazing team of volunteers!

Volunteering in a Sense charity shop for a couple of hours is a fantastic way to get involved in your local community, meet people and learn new skills. You don't need any experience; you just need to be aged 16 or over and ready to make a difference.

Follow the link below for more information or scan the QR and sign up today!





sense.org.uk/shop-volunteers

Registered charity number 289868