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I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.

Psalm 40:8

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.

Sunday Club News

There is a new Sunday Club News sheet attached below from Claire. Please do have a good read and get in touch if you can contribute in any way to our wonderful Sunday Club.

Cake Sunday!

It's been a while since our last Cake Sunday so we thought we would squeeze another one in before schools break up for the summer holidays. So pop Sunday 13th July in your diaries. As usual we will be looking for donations of cakes, preferably finger buffet size. These can be brought to church and placed in the kitchen before the service. Don't forget to supply us with a list of ingredients to help those with specific dietary needs. It

would be great to have you all join us after the service. Many thanks. 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 was given out last 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.

Anyone who missed a copy of the document can collect one from me. Many thanks,

Ken

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 regularly by standing order/online banking (which helps us avoid banking costs incurred by paying in cash/cheques) the account details are as follows.

Account name: Haverhill Methodist Church.

Account number: 00060578.

Sort code: 30-93-99.

You can also help without increasing your current giving: if you already have a standing order and pay tax to the Inland Revenue, you can sign the Gift Aid declaration, which will boost your donation by 25%. The Gift Aid Declaration form can be requested from any steward. 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

• Reach 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 tonight, 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.

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

TOMORROW, 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: <u>kathy.cohen@btinternet.com</u>

Dates for your Diary

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	June		
	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- Cake Sunday
	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
		1-3pm	Young at Heart in Church Hall
			Preacher: Rev Mike Wilson
	27 th	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
			Flowers: Brenda and Alan Wadsworth
	29 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	30 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	August		
			Preacher: Vivien Sargeant
	3 rd	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
L			Flowers: Kay Smith
	5 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	6 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
			Preacher: Sarah Glasswell
	10 th	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
L			Flowers: Tina Westley

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

SUNDAY CLUB NEWS

3Generate Trip

The National Methodist Youth Conference is 3rd—5th October in Birmingham.

We are planning to send a group from Church. Children 8+ can attend for the weekend.

The full price of the trip, including coach travel, is being covered by the East Anglia District!

Please see the link https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-

churches/

ministries/

children-youth-

family-

ministry/3generate/ for more details.

You need to let Sarah Glasswell know ASAP if you want to attend.

Adopt a Child

We sponsor a little girl named Linssy, in Guatema-la. Linssy is almost 5 years old. We have an offering each week in Sunday Club, please support if you can by bringing some small change. If you don't often have cash to hand and



would like to support by a one-off donation, you are very welcome to make a bank transfer to the Sunday Club account. Methodist Church Sunday Club. Account Number 00079805, Sort Code 30-93-99. Please label it 'adopt a child'.

Sunday Club Summer sessions

During the summer holidays our Sunday Club groups meet together in the hall (other than the All Age service on 3rd

August). This summer our theme is the life of Moses. Join us for lots of fun, games and crafts!

Keep your eyes peeled too for information about Summer socials!



Sunday Club Anniversary Service and Church BBQ

Please join us on Sunday 7th September from 10.30 for our anniversary service, followed by a BBQ. More details to follow.

Can you help? If you would like to support the work of Sunday Club please consider donating one of the items below:

Pritt sticks, felt pens, biros, ready mix paint, PVA glue, A4 white/coloured card, balloons...

Or if you're having a clear out we would love any donations of lego, duplo, playmobil figures/animals, construction toys or games.

Could you join the team?

We have a dedicated team of leaders and helpers, who have great fun and learn lots from the children and young people! We have spaces for more leaders and helpers—could it be you?

We have 3 age groups: 3-7, 7-11 and 11+. We aim to have a big enough team that we are on rota once a month. Leaders are in charge of one of the groups and plan the session beforehand using Scripture Union or Youth for Christ resources (which are very easy to follow!). Helpers just need to turn up on the day and support the leader and the children with the activity/Bible study.

Please speak to anyone on team for more information or email Claire @evans-mail_co.uk.

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