

GOD LOVES YOU!



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But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

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.

- Refreshments after the service

I am in the process of typing a new rota for helpers on Sunday morning. If you would like to be included, please speak either to me or one of the Stewards. We need two people each Sunday and you would be paired with someone who has experience in our kitchen. It is a great way to get to know new people and a blessing to us all.

Thanks, Joyce Rinaldi

- Book Sale

There are a few 'old stock' books available, from Next Door's bookshop on the table in the Church foyer. Please have a browse and take any you would like then, if you are able, leave a small donation in the basket.

- Church Family BBQ

On Sunday 7th September we will be celebrating the Sunday School Anniversary recognising our wonderful children and young people. Following the service we will be hosting a BBQ for the whole church family. We would love all of you to join us. There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer of the church. Please do sign up as we will need to know numbers for shopping. Please also note on the sign up sheet any specific dietary requirements.

We are in need of gas BBQs, (we probably will need 4/5), if this is something you can help us with then please do let myself or one of the catering team know asap.

Important announcement - the car park will be out of action that day as we will be hosting the BBQ in the car park.

Many thanks
Susan Marren

- Methodist Prayer Handbook 2025/26

The Methodist Prayer Handbook 2025/26 is singing a new song
Its renewed look and style offers a month's worth of prayers for every day of the year plus links to online supporting content

A broad variety of prayers and easy-to-use prayer prompts

Ideal for individual prayer, small groups and devotions

OUR STORY OUR SONG
Methodist Prayer Handbook 2025/26

A year of prayer: 31 days of prayers with a daily lectionary

Lectern large print version ideal for leading prayers in church

eBook also available

Order now from methodistpublishing.org.uk

The Methodist Church

The Prayer Handbook for the forthcoming Methodist year is now available.

Ken Nicholls will be ordering some in bulk at a slightly reduced price, please speak to Ken to reserve your copy.

- Ride & Stride

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride



**Saturday,
13 September 2025
9.00am - 5.00pm**

Local Organiser
from whom sponsorship
forms are available:

John + Sandra
Loader

Visit shct.org.uk for more information.
You can also find us on Facebook and X.

Sponsorship money raised will be divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Registered Charity No: 267047

Half of the money raised will be returned to our church funds. Sandra and John have sponsor forms for anyone who would like to ride or walk between churches. We are also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists to our church on the day, to sign their forms and offer refreshments. Please let us know if you can help. The Britten family are planning to take part again this year and would welcome your donations. Thanks,
Sandra and John

- Global Week of Prayer

1st to 7th September 2025

Join in for the 30-minute themed prayer times on Monday to Friday - 7am, 1pm and 7pm.

Also available are hour long slots for personal prayer throughout the week, including the non-stop prayer relay on Friday and Saturday.

The Global Week of Prayer 1st to 7th September

The Upper Room,
Chalkstone Community Centre,
Haverhill. CB9 0JB



rolcc.org.uk (prayer) and
haverhillchurchestogether.co.uk



Book your slot via the QR code below or the website at <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/47306d>

There are more details too on
https://www.rolcc.org.uk/Groups/448011/River_of_Life/Church_Life/Prayer/Week_of_Global/Week_of_Global.aspx and
www.haverhillchurchestogether.co.uk

Any questions, please get in touch with Angela or Henry Wilson on 07710 618951

Email - Henry.wilson@rolcc.org.uk



- Sizewell 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Sizewell Hall. A celebration service will be held on 7th September in the evening with Victor Jack speaking. Full details in the poster below.



Sizewell Hall

50TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration

SEPT | 7TH | 5PM

Join us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. The grounds will be open for arrival from 5pm with the celebration service starting at 5:45pm.

The service will be open air (weather permitting) so please bring a camping chair to sit on (there will be some seating available).

We are excited that Victor Jack will be speaking during the service, sharing some reflections on the Hall's history and the value of retreats in the life of the church.

The service will be followed by a Hog Roast, if you would like to be included in the Hog roast please purchase the £5 ticket.

There will be more activities available after the service, including the option to join us on the beach for an evening bonfire.



Scan here
for tickets



QR code goes to <http://bit.ly/4mBwwX0>

- Events at Thetford

There are three events upcoming at The Hub, Liberty Church, Thetford to which we have been invited.

- Flourish Women's Conference – Saturday 27th September 11.30-4pm
Lunch included £12
- Elemental Men's Evening Gathering – Saturday October 11th 6.15-8.45pm
Supper included £5
- HubYouth An Evening Gathering for Church Youth – Saturday November 22nd 6.30-8.30pm and it's free

Full details can be found on the flyers at the end of this edition of Connect.

- 'Here Am I, Lord' - an inter-denominational foundation course in evangelism.



In brief: the course is free and runs on the Zoom platform on the dates shown on the poster above. The aim of the course is to build confidence in the Lord for the ministry of evangelism, for which we believe there is an ever-increasing need. Anyone interested should come through the appropriate church leadership.

Steve Norris

A leaflet with a more detailed breakdown of the course is available in the church foyer.

- Grapevine

The theme of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be 'Our Story'. We have chosen this theme to fit with the Conference theme and what we are currently sharing across Connexion.

To provide a little bit of inspiration here is a link to a video of the new President & Vice President of Conference sharing their stories.

[Introducing our new President and Vice-President - The Methodist Church](#)

We would really like to share your story!

We are inviting churches and individuals to tell us 'your story'. This could be the story of your church, of you as an individual, maybe how you came to be a methodist, or doing the role that you do, or the story of the group that you are a part of or a project that you support.

If you would like to contribute an article on this theme, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text). The deadline for articles is Wednesday 3rd September but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive, and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and kind regards
Ms Danielle Gravestock
District Administrator

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- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors will be on the streets tonight, Friday 22nd August, 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, 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, Ian Levett.



- 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.

- Haverhill & District Churches Together News and Events

Dates of Haverhill Praise at West End Congregational Church, all at 4pm:
Sep 28th, Nov 30th

- Town Centre Survey

If you are interested in the future of our town centre and would like to put your views forward, there is a short survey you can complete at

<https://orlo.uk/fim41>

- Home-Start Suffolk

Home-Start Suffolk are looking for volunteers to offer practical and emotional support and friendship to families across West Suffolk through

home visiting or telephone support. Full training will be provided. For more information, please see the flyer at the end of this edition of Connect.

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

Dates for your Diary

August		
24 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mary Thake & Ann Turner
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
27 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
30 th	All day	Haverhill Show - Take 2
31 st	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Linda Arrowsmith
September		
2 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
3 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
7 th	10.30am	Sunday Club Anniversary service followed by Barbeque for all the Church Family – Please sign up so we can have enough food! NO PARKING in Church Car Park today! Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Vacant
9 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
10 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
13 th	9am-5pm	Suffolk Churches sponsored Ride and Stride
14 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Phyl Hall
16 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
17 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
21 st	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Membership Service Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Anthea & David Payne
23 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
24 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Vacant
30 th	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



Haverhill Show

🎉 **Haverhill Show – Take 2 – The Big One is Back On!** 🎉

We're absolutely thrilled to announce that, after the disappointment of having to cancel earlier this month, the Haverhill Show is officially BACK ON – and this time, it's happening on a Saturday, 30 August!

📍 Haverhill Recreation Ground

📅 Saturday 30 August 2025

🆓 Still FREE to attend!

Our amazing committee has been working flat out behind the scenes to bring the show back to life – and we're calling this one "Haverhill Show - Take 2" It will be a little different to what we had planned, but we are working hard to make it as big as it can be. It will feature many of your favourites... and has a few surprises too!

A massive thank you to everyone for your support, patience and kind words – it really has meant a lot. We can't wait to welcome you all back for what promises to be a fantastic day out for all ages.

A woman with long brown hair is seen from the back, wearing a white flower crown. She is standing in a grassy field with trees in the background. The image has a soft, slightly blurred quality.

PLANTED, SHE WILL FLOURISH

27th Sept 2025

www.hubconf.uk

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Flourish Women's Conference 2025

When?

27th Sept 2025, 11:30am - 4pm

Where?

The Hub (Liberty Church), Thetford

How do I book?

Visit:- www.hubconf.uk



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ROCK SOLID

When?

11 OCT 25 | 6.30pm - 8:30pm

Where?

The Hub (Liberty Church) Thetford

How do I book?

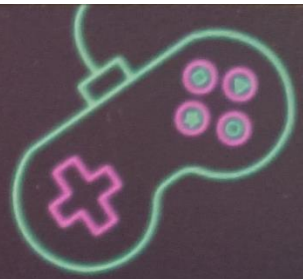
Visit www.hubconf.uk

Cost?

£5 (includes a hog roast)



HUB YOUTH



GET READY FOR AN ACTION-PACKED NIGHT IN THETFORD!
WE'VE GOT FUN GAMES, EPIC PRIZES, LIVE WORSHIP, AND
TEACHING THAT'S TOTALLY RELEVANT TO YOU.

YOUTH FROM ACROSS THE REGION ARE COMING TOGETHER
FOR AN EVENING YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS.
AGES 11-17 – SEE YOU THERE!

SAT 22ND NOVEMBER

6:30-8:30PM



hubconf.uk



Complete information available here: www.hubconf.uk



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