

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*  
*John 13:34-35*

**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.

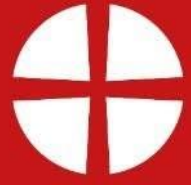
- Church Family BBQ

THIS Sunday 7th September we will be celebrating the Sunday School Anniversary recognising our wonderful children and young people. Following the service we have our Church family BBQ. **Remember, the car park will be out of action this week!**

Many thanks  
Susan Marren

- New Connexional Year Prayer

# A prayer for start of the new Connexional Year



O Christ of the morning,  
You who sang the stars into being,  
Sing again into our hearts today.

As a new year unfolds,  
we walk into the next chapter of your story,  
the next line of your song.

May the Spirit stir our memory,  
reminding us who we are  
your people, your melody,  
each life a note in your unfolding hymn.

Guide us in courage,  
hold us in love,  
send us with hope.

In the name of the One who goes before us,  
beside us, and sings within us

Christ our companion,  
Amen.

*Matthew Forsyth*  
*Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 25-26*



- Ride & Stride

The annual sponsored bike ride ("Ride and Stride") will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September (see poster below). Half of the money we raise will be returned to our own church funds, and half will go to the Suffolk

Historic Churches Trust, which offers grants to help maintain churches in the county.

Sandra and John have sponsor forms for anyone who would like to ride or walk between churches.

The Britten family (Abi and Stuart) are planning to take part again, this will be their tenth year, so please support them with your donations.



Donations can be made directly to the Brittens or via their Just Giving page at: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/abi-ride-stride-2025?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/abi-ride-stride-2025?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Thanks,  
Sandra and John

- Global Week of Prayer

**Remember THIS WEEK- 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (today and tomorrow!)



# The Global Week of Prayer 1st to 7th September

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



[rolcc.org.uk](http://rolcc.org.uk) (prayer) and  
[haverhillchurchestogether.co.uk](http://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 on  
[https://www.rolcc.org.uk/Groups/448011/River\\_of\\_Life/Church\\_Life/Prayer/Week\\_of\\_Global/Week\\_of\\_Global.aspx](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](http://www.haverhillchurchestogether.co.uk)

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

Email - [Henry.wilson@rolcc.org.uk](mailto:Henry.wilson@rolcc.org.uk)



- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors will be on the streets this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

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>September</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
10 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	9am-5pm	Suffolk Churches sponsored Ride and Stride
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge                      Flowers: Phyl Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
17 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – Membership Service Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge  Flowers: Anthea & David Payne
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
24 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge                      Flowers: Vacant
30 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
<b>October</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- All Age Service, Christening Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge                      Flowers:
7 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
8 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion, Harvest Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge                      Flowers:
14 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
15 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge                      Flowers:

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



# 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](http://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.