

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.  
Psalm 110:114*

**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.

- Building Work at Church

The builders from Churchill Retirement Living (the apartments next to the church) will be carrying out resurfacing work of our side passage and rear courtyard area this week. This will inevitably involve some noise disruption to users of the church hall and other areas and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. John Loader

- Church Kitchen Storage

Are there any tins, dishes or containers belonging to you in the church kitchen? There is quite a collection in the utility area and they are taking up room. Please collect anything belonging to you ASAP. If not lifted within the month I will be taking to Charity shop. Many thanks. Claire Waller

- Ride and Stride Update

Congratulations to the Britten family who visited a record number of churches in Norwich for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" last week and raised £320, half of which will return to our church funds. Thanks to those who gave encouragement by sponsoring them, and those who carried out a door duty in our church. John and Sandra Loader

- McMillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Cancer Support help people with cancer to get the best care the UK has to offer, whoever and wherever they are. There will be a McMillan coffee morning at Gill and Dave's home (8 Victoria Road, CB99PS) on 26th September between 10am-2pm to raise funds for this great work. All welcome!

- Women's Bible Study

Join us as we explore the story of 'Gideon: Your weakness. His Strength' by Priscilla Shirer. We will meet on Monday evenings in the Church Hall, 7:45-9:15pm. The first study will be October 6<sup>th</sup>, continuing for seven weeks with a break for Half Term on 27<sup>th</sup> October. The study includes prayer, video teachings, individual study guide, and group discussion. We will also have coffee, tea, and light refreshments. Follow the link to see the promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nsFbR9Gwb4>

Pre-loved books are available for £4 donation, or you can purchase a copy online through World of Books, Amazon, or Ebay.

Please email [Elizabeth.mitchell043011@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.mitchell043011@gmail.com) or text 07531491701 to sign up.

Come get involved and let's dig deeper into the story of Gideon together!  
Elizabeth Mitchell

- Harvest Lunch

We are holding a 'pay it forward' lunch after the morning service on the 12th October. We are so blessed with everything we have that it would be good to pass those blessings on to others. It will be a lunch of soup, bread and fresh fruit. The idea being that, if possible, you would donate the amount of money that you think you would potentially spend on your Sunday lunch with the money being donated to Link to Hope to help with the cost of transporting the Christmas shoeboxes overseas.

To help with catering numbers there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer or you can email me on, [susanmarren568@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarren568@gmail.com)

Thank you! Susan Marren

- Link to hope shoeboxes

There will be an array of knitted / crocheted goods and things for the shoeboxes on Sunday 12th October before harvest lunch. Donations for the goods will go to Link to Hope. Also, some empty boxes are available to fill. The shoeboxes need to be complete by Sunday 26th October so that we can get them over to Clare for collection.

Thank you to everyone who is either making boxes or giving items. Speak to Gill or Janet if you have any questions.

- Wednesdays with Wellbeing

Suffolk Talking Therapies invites anyone looking for guidance on mental health, physical wellness or community resources to join them at Abbeycroft Leisure Centre on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1-3pm, for FREE support and connection. For more information, please see the poster below.

- Town Pastors

The Town Pastors will be on the streets next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 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>

- Late News!!

My Mum (Margaret Smith, Chair of Trustees for Norwich Youth For Christ) has asked me to share the following with Haverhill Methodist Church as she knows we are supportive of Haverhill Youth For Christ.

Neil O'Boyle has had to resign as National Director due to health reasons, he has been suffering with Epilepsy which has been getting worse. He has recorded a parting video which can be found here:

[Neil's Video to Centres Sept 2025](#)

The organisation will be looking to recruit a new National Director as soon as possible and we would appreciate the church's prayers for Neil as he deals with his condition, and for the Youth For Christ organisation to find the right candidate to take Neil's place and drive the organisation into the future with their valuable work.

Thanks so much,  
Richard Smith

*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>		
27 <sup>th</sup>	9am-6pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventists in the Church Hall
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mary Thake and Ann Turner
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
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Children and young people away at 3Generate
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- All Age Service, Christening Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge      Flowers: Pat Shanks
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Bible Study in the Church Hall
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: Kim Moses- Harvest Lunch after service Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Harvest Flowers
13 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Bible Study in the Church Hall
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
18 <sup>th</sup>	9am-6pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventists in the Church Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Harvest Flowers
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Bible Study in the Church Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Verna Titmarsh
28 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
29 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
<b>November</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- All Age Service Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Jacqueline & Stefan Stewart

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

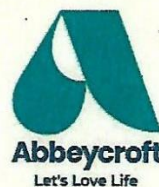


# Wednesdays with Wellbeing

Join us for a day of support and connection! Are you looking for guidance on mental health, physical wellness, or community resources? We invite you to Wednesdays with Wellbeing, a supportive event designed to connect you with various services that can help you thrive !

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're seeking support for yourself or for a loved one. This is a **FREE** event so there is no need to book or buy a ticket. Just come as you are!

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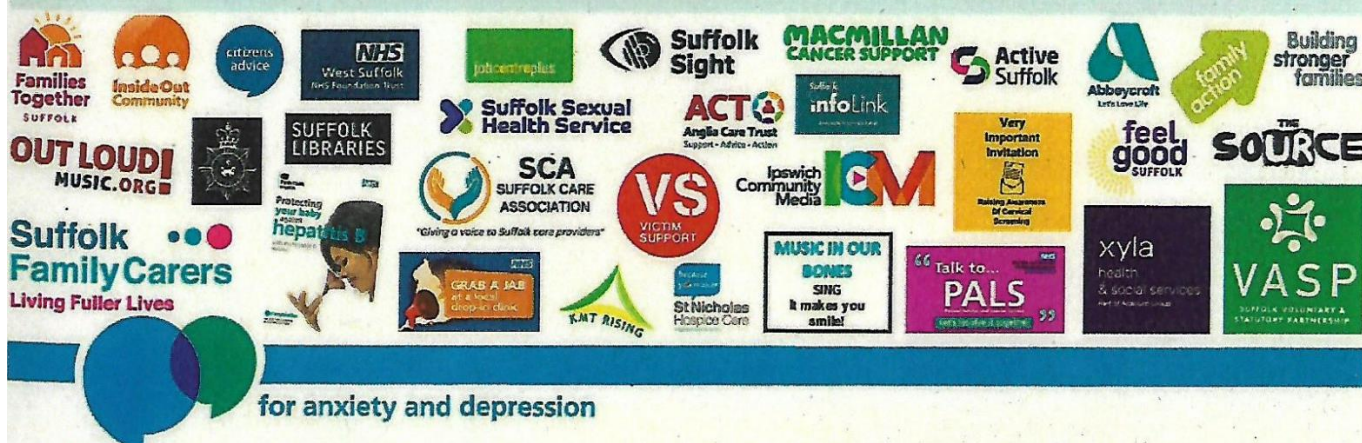


**Haverhill**

Abbeycroft Leisure Centre  
Ehringshausen Way  
Haverhill  
CB9 0ER

**8th October**  
**1pm - 3pm**

For queries email us at: [Suffolk.CommunityTeam@nsft.nhs.uk](mailto:Suffolk.CommunityTeam@nsft.nhs.uk)



for anxiety and depression