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But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email <a href="mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com">kathy.cohen@btinternet.com</a> (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.

### • It Is Well With My Soul!

After last Sunday's service, I was talking to a few people about the hymn 'It is Well with my Soul', which we sang during the service, and about the person who wrote it. I remember during Covid I also shared the story in Connect, with a link to the video with Hugh Bonneville telling this amazing story of love and complete trust in God. It has been a great comfort to us after the death of our son Michael – For those who didn't know the history behind the hymn please click on the link below. Janet Etheridge <a href="https://bit.ly/49jEEId">https://bit.ly/49jEEId</a>

'When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.'

#### Christmas Concert

Haverhill Veteran Brass will be giving a Christmas Concert on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, at 2:30pm in the Church, please see the poster below for more information. David Rinaldi

# • Highway 35- Meeting disaster head-on with hope

Come and hear the extraordinary story of Chris and Denise Arthey on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm at Chalkstone Community Centre. Highway 35 is a powerful journey of survival, resilience, and faith following a life-changing motorcycle accident. Check out their website <a href="https://chrisarthey.co.uk/book">https://chrisarthey.co.uk/book</a> or the advert below for more information.

#### Toy Service

Our annual Toy Service this year will be held on Sunday 7 December. For the benefit of those people who are new to the church I will give you a brief outline of what happens. Everyone is invited to bring a toy/gift to the service and these will be accepted by the Town Mayor, Councillor Quinn Cox, on behalf of Social Services. These will then be passed on to Social Services who will distribute the gifts to children in the town who would otherwise get very little at Christmas. The only stipulation by Social Services is that the toys are new and unwrapped, and cover the age range 0-18 years as they like to be able to give a gift to each child in the family. They assure me that these gifts are very much appreciated. Rosemary Fletcher

## Nativity Delivery!

We are delighted to announce that the Christian children's entertainer, 'Duggie Dug Dug' (aka Doug Horley) will be visiting our church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm for his hilarious family Christmas show, Nativity Delivery! Booking is essential. Please see the poster below for more information.

## Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)

The MWiB is a volunteer-run charity within the Methodist Church in Britain. Their vision is that 'all women will be empowered, encouraged, enabled and equipped to live a life free of injustice and inequality.' They do this by providing fellowship and training events, producing printed and online resources, and raising funds for people in need. The newly elected President of the East Anglian District MWiB, Susan Eldridge, is trying to reach more people in the district. So, please do get involved where you can!

#### Music Exams

There will be music exams taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th November. 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 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

Haverhill Praise at West End Congregational Church, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

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**

November	2. 2.41	
		Preacher: Rev Moses John - includes infant baptism
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Margaret & Roger Beaumont
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Bible Study in the Church Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 56	Preacher: Rev Moses John
	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Bryan and Jenny Ellicott
24 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Bible Study in the Church Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
26 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Music Exams Taking place- please do not enter!
	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
27 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Music Exams taking place- please do not enter!
	7 2 d y	Preacher: Rev Moses John- 1 <sup>st</sup> in Advent
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Alf Coe
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses- Toy Service, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Advent
		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
		Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion, 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Advent
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
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
20 <sup>th</sup>	3-4.30pm	Duggie Dug Dug's Nativity Delivery
		Preacher: Moses & Elizabeth Christingle Service,
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	4 <sup>th</sup> in Advent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
	5pm	Carol Service: Rev Moses John
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Christmas Day Service: Rev. Moses John

<sup>\*</sup> If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds 01440 763613 or <a href="https://newsrese.org/harrys62@sky.com">harrys62@sky.com</a>

# **Haverhill Veterans Brass**



# **Haverhill Methodist Church**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Tickets on the door: £5







# AN EVENING WITH CHRIS & DENISE ARTHEY

HIGHWAY 35 - 'MEETING DISASTER HEAD-ON WITH HOPE'

WHATEVER STRUGGLES YOU ARE FACING, I AM CONFIDENT THERE IS SOMETHING HERE FOR YOU.

6 December

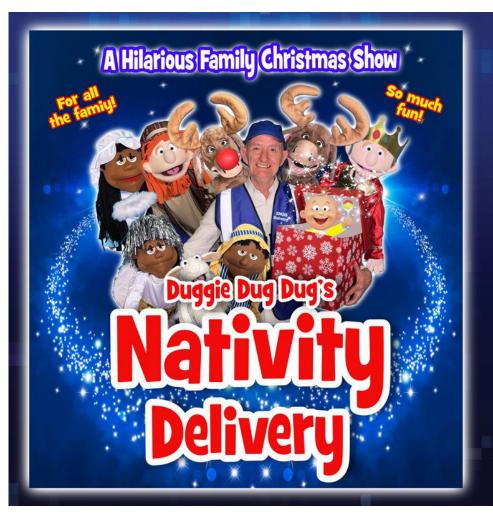
7.30 - 9.00PM

Chalkstone Community Centre



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Saturday 20th December

3.00 - 4.30pm (Doors open 2.30pm)

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Limited space available, booking essential:

hmcmessychurch@gmail.com