

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*  
*Psalm 16:8*

**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.

- **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

<https://bit.ly/49jEEId>

*'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.'*

- Music Exams

There will be music exams taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge THIS WEEK, 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.

- 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 <https://chrisarthey.co.uk/book> 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

- Cake Sunday

Our last Cake Sunday of this year will be held on Sunday 7th of December following the toy service. We would love you all to join us for some fellowship over tea/coffee and cake. We are again calling on our lovely members to get baking/buying some delicious cakes. All cakes to be brought to church before the service on the day. Many thanks,  
Susan Marren

- Sharers in the Promise

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, Churches Together in Bury St Edmunds will present 'Sharers in the promise' which uses music and drama to reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ - the promise of hope and salvation in which we all can share. All are welcome. Please see the poster below to book your free tickets and for more information please see Kate Hibbert.

- 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.

- 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

Saturday 29th November - Carols and nativity in St Mary's Churchyard at **11am** plus a lantern-making workshop in St Mary's Church. The lanterns will reflect the theme, 'Jesus, Light of the World', and will be used by Churches Together in the carnival later in the evening. If you would like to join in the carnival, come dressed on the theme 'Light', or speak to [Sarah Glasswell](#) if you would like to help.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Haverhill Praise at West End Congregational Church at **4pm**.

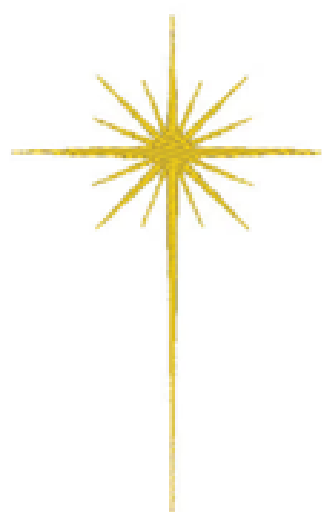
*Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com)*

## Dates for your Diary

|                  |          |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November</b>  |          |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Rev Moses John<br>Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge<br>Flowers: Bryan and Jenny Ellicott                                                              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7.45pm   | Final 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!                                                                                                                  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Rev Moses John - 1 <sup>st</sup> in Advent<br>Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge<br>Flowers: Alf Coe                                                   |
| <b>December</b>  |          |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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 – last one before Christmas                                                                                                        |
|                  | 1-3pm    | Young at Heart in the Church Hall                                                                                                                               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am  | Preacher: Kim Moses - Toy Service, All Age Worship, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Advent<br>Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge<br>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                                                                                                                                    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Rev Moses John - Communion, 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Advent<br>Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge<br>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                                                                                                                                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | 3-4.30pm | Dugie Dug Dug's Nativity Delivery                                                                                                                               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Rev Moses John & Elizabeth - Christingle Service, 4 <sup>th</sup> in Advent<br>Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge<br>Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers |
|                  | 5pm      | Carol Service: Rev Moses John                                                                                                                                   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10am     | Christmas Day Service: Rev Moses John                                                                                                                           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Preacher: Sarah Glasswell<br>Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge<br>Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers                                                             |
| <b>January</b>   |          |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am  | Preacher: Rev Moses John – All Age Worship<br>Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge                                                                                 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 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](mailto:harrys62@sky.com)

**Haverhill Veterans Brass**



# **Christmas Concert**

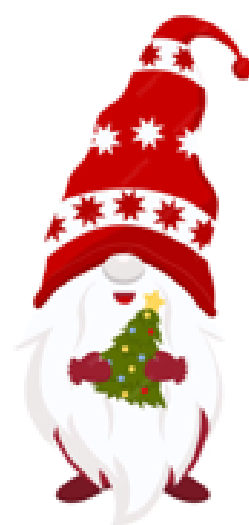
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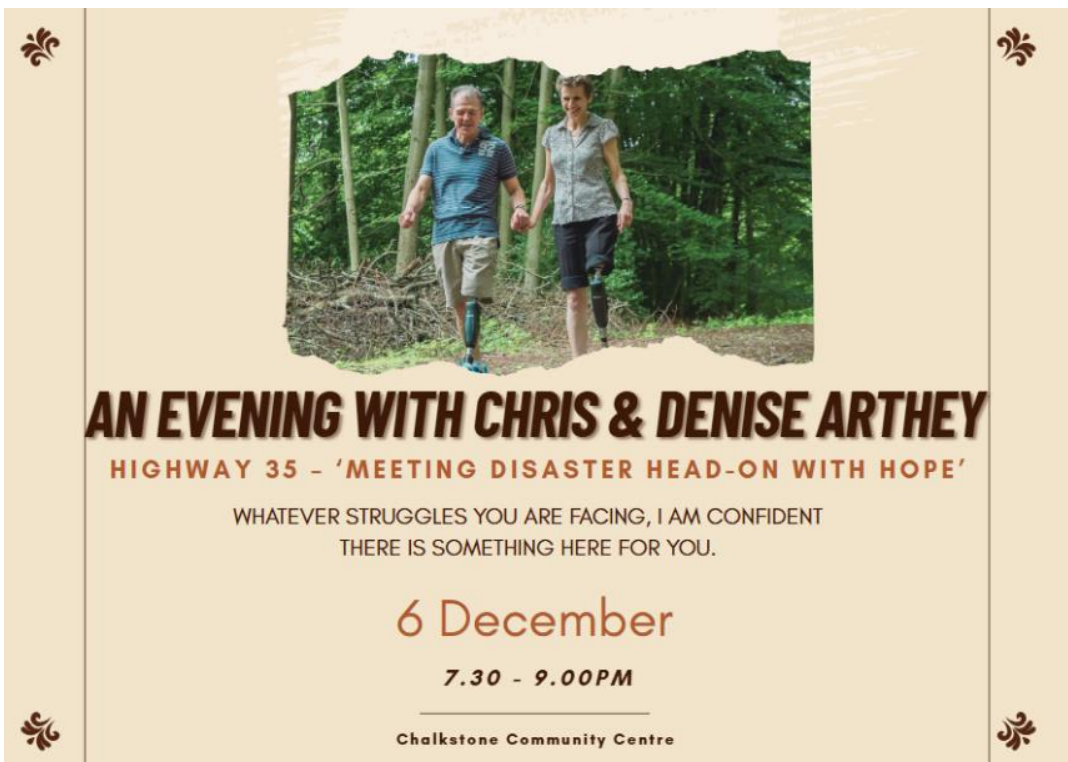
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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

CHURCHES TOGETHER  
BURY ST EDMUNDS & DISTRICT 

# Sharers in the Promise

A presentation for Advent

Sunday  
14 December 2025  
7 pm

St Mary's Church  
Honey Hill, Bury St Edmunds

with Cantus Firmus Choir  
Guildhall Feoffment Primary School  
St Mary's Church Choir

Admission by  
free ticket from  
[cantusfirmus.org.uk](http://cantusfirmus.org.uk)

  InHarmony  Guildhall Feoffment  
Community  
Primary School

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## A Hilarious Family Christmas Show

For all  
the family!

So much  
fun!



Duggie Dug Dug's

# Nativity Delivery

Saturday 20th  
December

3.00 - 4.30pm  
(Doors open 2.30pm)

Haverhill Methodist  
Church

Limited space  
available, booking  
essential:

[hmcMESSychurch@gmail.com](mailto:hmcMESSychurch@gmail.com)