

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.  
Colossians 3:12*

**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.

- [Link to Hope Shoeboxes News](#)

We received this from Vivian Sargeant from Clare Baptist Church:

Good afternoon. A bit early, but wishing you a blessed Christmas

I am thrilled to be able to tell you that we sent 793 boxes from Clare on the 10<sup>th</sup> November and £1700 towards transport costs. Every one of your contributions, goods, boxes, donations, time in bringing boxes to Clare and helping with the packing all made that possible.

By the 11<sup>th</sup> November with the help of wonderful volunteers at Ferrying warehouse, all our boxes had been checked and loaded onto pallets. The first lorry containing 6, 316 boxes left the warehouse with your boxes on them on the 18<sup>th</sup> November to a central warehouse in Romania. From there they will be distributed to the four countries.

If and when I receive any further information, I will keep you updated.

Kind regards, Vivien

- Christmas Cards

We have some new stock of cards, advent calendars and candles in Next Door.

There will be a display in the hall on Sunday during coffee time after the service. Please bring cash or a cheque if you want to buy anything as we do not have card facilities.

The café is open from Tuesday to Friday each week from 10.30 until 1pm where our full selection of cards is available.

Thank you. Joyce Rinaldi

- A message from Win Franklin

I was unable to get to the front of the church last Sunday re the Pastoral Friends, although I am one. I cannot visit anymore, but I can do three things: write, phone, pray, which is what I do.

I'm sure other friends can do the same and be a Pastoral Friend in that way. Please don't think 'I can't do that'. My mother said to me "there's no such word as can't", and she was right.

The Lord gives us talents, let's use them to help one another, and serve the Lord in this way. Thank you.

- Sad News

For those of you who were with us in the 6 months interregnum before Revd Peter Goodall arrived and remember the Revd Debbi Borda who looked after us, I'm sure you will be sad to read the following, received from District this morning:

Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of Revd. Debbie Borda. Debbie was a Superintendent in the Bury St Edmunds Circuit prior to moving to Margate where she became a Supernumerary Presbyter.

The funeral for Revd. Debbie Borda is being held at Union Church, Margate on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. We are waiting for further information as to whether the service will be streamed and will update if this is to take place. Please join with me in thanking God for Debbie's life and witness - a good and faithful servant. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Kind regards

Ms Danielle Gravestock

District Administrator

- Toy Service

Our annual Toy Service this year will be THIS 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 THIS 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

- 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.

- Its Panto Time!

Sunday Club have reserved a block of seats for Centre Stage Company's panto at a discounted rate again this year. 'Little Red Riding Hood' is booked for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm, and you are invited! Please see the flyer below for more information, and make sure you book to secure your ticket. Claire Evans

- 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.

- Highway 35 - Meeting disaster head-on with hope

Come and hear the extraordinary story of Chris and Denise Arthey THIS Saturday 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.

- 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.

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>December</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses - Toy Service, All Age Worship, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Advent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Verna Titmarsh
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 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- last one before Christmas
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 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
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
<b>January</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – All Age Worship Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
5 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Covenant Service Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Gill Wadeson
13 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Win Franklin
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*\* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds*



**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)



   **St Edmundsbury Cathedral** **Guildhall Feoffment Community Primary School**

Scan me 



## 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

### IT'S PANTO TIME!

We have reserved a block of seats for Little Red Riding Hood on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 1pm.

We are pleased to have secured a group discount-

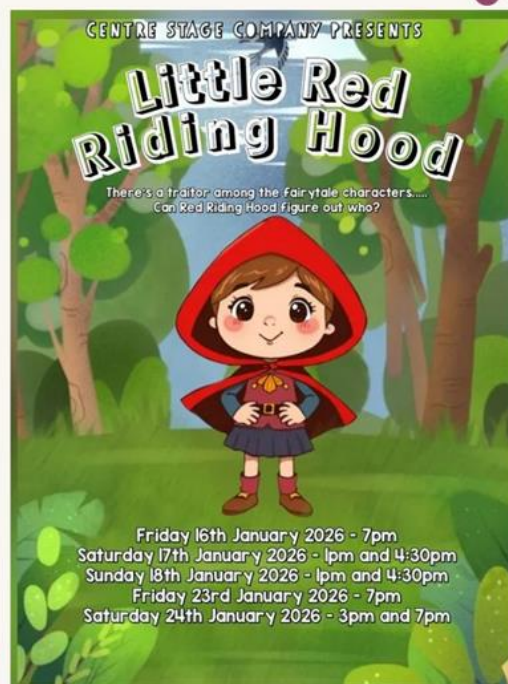
Adults are £12

Sunday Club Children are £7 per ticket (as Sunday Club are further subsidising £5 per ticket)

Please contact Claire to reserve your tickets -  
[claire@evans-mail.co.uk](mailto:claire@evans-mail.co.uk) or 07734298247

Payment can be made to the Sunday Club account

Methodist church Sunday Club  
Sort Code 30-93-99  
Account number 00079805



And finally...

Just wondering if anyone from church might like a full drum kit for Christmas, free or for a church donation.

BlackHawk by Gretsch.

Thanks

Kim Strowger

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