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The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

Prayer Chain: If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email 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.

Toy Service

Thank you so much to everybody who donated toys/gifts last Sunday at our Toy Service. Social Services were very impressed by your generosity; we dropped off over eight bags of toys. Thank you also to everybody who helped at the church. I very much appreciated so many willing hands. Rosemary Fletcher

Nativity Delivery!

A reminder that the Christian children's entertainer, 'Duggie Dug Dug' (aka Doug Horley) will be visiting our church TOMORROW, Saturday 20th December at 3pm for his hilarious family Christmas show, 'Nativity

Delivery!' Doors open at 2.30pm for those who have booked. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sunday 21st December @ 10.30am Christingle Service

Come along & make your own Christingle and learn what it means!

Sunday 21st December @ 5.00pm Family Carol Service

Thursday 25th December @ 10.00am Christmas Day Celebration

Start your Christmas Day celebrating the birth of our Saviour!

Sunday 28th December @ 10.30am

Morning Worship



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 18th 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

A message from David Frost

We have moved to Haverhill, details are; 182 Withersfield Road, CB9 7RN Landline: 01440 421824

• A letter from Australia

Hi friends!

It's almost impossible to believe that this time last year I was saying goodbye to you all as I prepared to leave and live in Perth, W Australia. I do not know where that time has gone?

Firstly, may I say an enormous thank you for your beautiful Christmas card signed by so many of you (organised by the wonderful Sarah! xx). It was a huge surprise and made me cry!! I do miss you enormously and the more churches I visit the more I realise what an incredibly special (and unusual) church HMC is! You are truly blessed to have all the generations represented and I miss that enormously.

I am now settled in a really great church, Trinity North. They do a huge amount of work in the community and I have joined their Foodbank team. Homelessness is a big issue here, and there are significant social issues for the Wadjuk Noongar peoples, the local Aboriginal settlers. It's been a steep learning curve.

I am getting some preaching opportunities across the city but it's a bit sporadic! Recently I was invited to speak at the Perth Ladies Fellowship Conference and it was wonderful to be able to talk about Open Mind. Who knows, maybe one day it can be replicated over here? At the moment I'm not rushing to pursue this as I am going to be a grandma next June! Wonderful news.

My house in Steeple is being sold and once completed I will be buying a v v small house here. So, for the 3rd time in a year, I will be moving! It's a good job I love change, isn't it?

I think of you often and are in my prayers always. I hope you all enjoy some down-time over Christmas with friends and family, whoever you prefer to be with.

Love and blessing always, Cham xxx "

• 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.

Dates for your Diary

December	,	
20 th	3-4.30pm	Duggie Dug Dug's Nativity Delivery
21 st	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John & Elizabeth - Christingle Service,
		4 th in Advent
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
	5pm	Carol Service: Rev Moses John
25 th	10am	Christmas Day Service: Rev Moses John
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
January		
4 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John – All Age Worship
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge
		Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
5 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Covenant Service
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Gill Wadeson
13 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
14 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
18 th	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Win Franklin
20 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
21 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
25 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Joyce Rinaldi
27 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
28 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
February		
1 st	10.30am	Preacher: Methodist Vice President- Matthew Forsyth
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Kathy Cohen
3 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
4 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
8 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion
		Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Colin Smith

^{*} If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds 01440 763613 or harrys62@sky.com



IT'S PANTO TIME!

We have reserved a block of seats for Little Red Riding Hood on Sunday 18th 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 or 07734298247

Payment can be made to the Sunday Club account

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

