

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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### Haverhill Methodist Church

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

**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.

- Men's Breakfast

Calling all men of the church! You are warmly invited to join us for breakfast at The Drabbet Smock Weatherspoons (next to St Marys Church in town), at 9am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January. There is no need to sign up, just turn up on the day. For more information, contact Damilola on 07341 273846

- International Evening

Following the huge success of our last International Evening back in June we have decided to hold another one. This will take place on Saturday the 31st January starting at 5.30pm. The idea is for people to bring a dish (mains, dessert or both) that represents their nationality. The food will need to be brought already cooked as we have minimal facilities for

cooking/heating in our kitchen. We had such a great time at our last event trying all the different foods so make sure you don't miss out. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer so sign up now.

Many thanks, Susan Marren

- Greetings from Scotland

Dear Moses, Kim, your loving children and to all your congregation at Haverhill Methodist Church.

We send you all our best wishes for a Happy and healthy and Blessed New Year. With our love and many blessings to you all.

God Bless, Jacqueline and Stefan xxx

- Open Mind Update

**Open Mind restarts on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

This month marks 7 years since Open Mind Meaningful Support first opened its doors to support the people of Haverhill with their mental health and wellbeing. For those of you who didn't know, Open Mind was set up by a few members of our congregation in January 2019 who saw a need, vision and purpose for our church. NHS mental health services were cut significantly in our town, leaving people feeling isolated and alone with their struggles. The need has continued to increase.

Open mind provides a confidential, safe space where people of any denomination, faith or no faith, can be heard and really listened to on a one-to-one basis. We meet every Wednesday 10am – 12 in the church hall.

Some people come regularly and have done since we opened 7 years ago; some people come when they are in crisis, struggling or need validation.

Open Mind now regularly sees an average of 20 people per week.

Open Mind meaningful support is a major missional project for HMC and we would highly value your prayers.

Over the coming months, I will be sharing with you some feedback from the Open Mind clients. If you would like to know more, please do speak to me or you can email [openmindinfo8@gmail.com](mailto:openmindinfo8@gmail.com)

Claire Martin

- 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.

*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>January</b>		
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
20 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
21 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Men's breakfast at The Drabber Smock
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Joyce Rinaldi
27 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
28 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
31 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm	International Evening in the Church Hall
<b>February</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Methodist Vice President- Matthew Forsyth Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Kathy Cohen
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Communion Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Colin Smith
10 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Helen Hollands Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mick and Janet Etheridge
17 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- 1 <sup>st</sup> in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Kim Strowger

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