

GOD LOVES YOU!



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How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. 2 Samuel 7:22

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.

- International Evening

REMINDER- Following the huge success of our last International Evening back in June we have decided to hold another one. This will take place TOMORROW Saturday 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. Many thanks, Susan Marren

- Restricted parking in Church Car Park

On Wednesday 4 February workmen will be disassembling and removing the old lift, which operated between the coffee area and the hall. The lower

end of the car park will be cordoned off so there will be less parking spaces available and you may need to park elsewhere. Please do not park on the double yellow lines as access for a lorry is required.
The nearest public car park is Lower Downs Slade.
Apologies for this inconvenience. John Loader

- Brian Watts' Funeral

I would like to warmly invite everyone to Brian's funeral, which will take place on Monday 16th February at Kedington Parish Church (St Peter and St Pauls Church) at 1.30pm. We will also gather afterwards at Kedington Community Centre.

I appreciate my friends at the Methodist church so much, and would love for anyone to join us who is able. Thank you, Jan Watts

- Women's Breakfast

Save the date! Join us on Saturday 28th February from 9am-10:30am in the Church Hall for a Continental Breakfast. There will be a sign-up sheet available on Sunday. Many Thanks, Elizabeth Mitchell

- Open Mind Meaningful Support- February Update

As mentioned last month, here is some feedback from a client at Open Mind Meaningful Support. They were asked three questions:

1) *How long have you been coming to Open Mind?* – 1 Year

2) *What do you like and / or find helpful about coming to Open Mind?* – I find I can offload my worries and problems and they will be listened to and I will be given good advice on how to overcome my problems.

3) *Do you have any suggestions on how / if we could improve the service?* - It would be nice for the staff to have more help because some days the staff seem to be overwhelmed by the increasing number of people coming to Open Mind. The staff are very friendly and treat everyone equally.

As you will see over the coming months, many of the clients have mentioned the need for more volunteers. Please could you pray for this suggestion and for God's work to continue to be done through Open Mind. We meet every Wednesday 10am – 12 in the church hall. Anyone is welcome to use this confidential safe space to talk to someone on a one-to-one basis about their mental health / wellbeing.

If you have any questions or would like more information please do speak to me or you can email openmindinfo8@gmail.com
Claire Martin

- Quiz Night in aid of REACH

REACH is a local charity that is committed to supporting people facing hardship in Haverhill. They do this by running the Foodbank and offering advice on debt, benefits and housing- among other things!

They are planning a Quiz Night to raise funds for this great work, and you are invited! This fun event will take place on Saturday 28th February at The New Croft, and tickets cost £6 each. You can either bring a team (of between 4-8 people), or come and be allocated to a team on the night. Book now by phoning 0800 009 6710, or email info@reachhaverhill.org.uk Speak to Kim for more information. Thanks

- Free Room for Rent

Hello, I am just reaching out as a local Haverhill resident, and I attend the River of Life church. I have a room available to rent in my house and I wondered if anyone in your congregation is looking for a place to stay. It would be nice to support a local Christian if they are in need. Anyone interested can reach out to me at 07732 023773, or bronwynerb@gmail.com.

Thanks, Bronwyn Erb

- 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

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

Dates for your Diary

January		
31 st	5.30pm	International Evening 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	All Day	Workmen in the carpark- restricted parking.
	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
10 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Helen Hollands Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mick and Janet Etheridge
16 th	1.30pm	Brian Watts' Funeral- Kedington Parish Church
17 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
18 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- 1 st in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Kim Strowger
24 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
25 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
28 th	9-10.30am	Women's Breakfast in the Church Hall
March		
1 st	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John-All Age Service, 2 nd in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: John and Sandra Loader
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: Kim Moses- Communion, 3 rd in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Jill and Nick Wray
	TBC	Evening Youth Service
10 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
11 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
15 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Mothering Sunday, 4 th in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Keith Barker

