

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

*"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*  
*Isaiah 1:18*

**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.

- Lost Property!

We seem to have accumulated a lot of lost property hanging on the pegs in the hall and in the church foyer. Can you please check to see if any of it belongs to you. If there's anything left at the end of the month I'll take to charity shop. Janet Etheridge

- Brian Watts' Funeral

I would like to warmly invite everyone to Brian's funeral, which will take place THIS Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Breakfast

Save the date! Join us on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)

Speak to Kim for more information. Thanks

- Flowerheads and Candles

Debra Barritt is organising a bereavement support event at the EpiCentre on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 10-12am. The event is designed to reduce isolation, normalise the experience of grief, and provide a compassionate community for people navigating bereavement in their own way. It is free to attend and aimed at anyone over the age of 18. Please speak to Debra for more information.

- Part-Time Job Opportunity

Watton Methodist Church and The Methodist Centre, Thetford, is seeking to appoint a Centre Manager for 6.5 hours per week, flexibly worked, at £14 an hour. Closing date: 20th March 2026. Further details including a job description and application form are available from Kate Dalton: [DLES@eangliamethodist.org.uk](mailto:DLES@eangliamethodist.org.uk)

- District Lent Bible Study

You are invited to a district Lent bible study on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-1.30pm. The study will be led by East Anglia District Chair Rev Helen Hollands at Thetford Methodist Church, and the theme is 'Mary Magdalene-Apostle to the Apostles.' Everyone is welcome, tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch.

- 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)*

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

## Dates for your Diary

<b>February</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Helen Hollands Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mick and Janet Etheridge
16 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Brian Watts' Funeral- Kedington Parish Church
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
24 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Property Team Meeting- Coffee Lounge
28 <sup>th</sup>	9-10.30am	Women's Breakfast in the Church Hall
<b>March</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John-All Age Service, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: John and Sandra Loader
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: Kim Moses- Communion, 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Jill and Nick Wray
	TBC	Evening Youth Service
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 Moses John- Mothering Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Keith Barker
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- 5 <sup>th</sup> in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs T Seljamae
24 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell- Palm Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Robert and Jill Archibald



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
*A DISTRICT*  
*LENT BIBLE STUDY*

**Led By East Anglia District Chair  
Rev Helen Hollands**

**At**

**Thetford Methodist Church**

**Tanner St, Thetford IP24 2BQ**



**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**FROM 10AM TO 1.30PM**

**MARY MAGDALENE**  
**'APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES'**

Organised by  
**METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**  
FOR WOMEN  FOR JUSTICE  
FOR CHRIST

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS EVENT**

**Coffee/tea, followed by worship and  
study from 11am.**

**PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH to eat about  
12.30pm**