

GOD LOVES YOU!



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Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight.
Psalm 119:143

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 lanyard.

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.

- [Upcoming Youth Service](#)

Our youth would like to invite you to their upcoming youth service THIS Sunday 8th March at 6:30 pm. See the poster below, or speak to Sarah for more information. All are welcome!

- [Lent Bible Study](#)

This year our whole-church Lent Bible Study will follow bestselling author Max Lucado's book 'He chose the nails'. We will meet for 4 weeks, beginning THIS MONDAY 9th March at 10.30am. It will include a free lunch of soup and bread afterwards. Everyone is very welcome! Please do sign up in the foyer so we know numbers for catering. We are also happy to run an evening online session of the same study if enough people sign up. Speak to Rev Moses for more information. Let's seek the Lord and walk through Lent together!

- Easter Messy Church

Our Easter Messy Church event will be on Sunday 22nd March, 4-6pm. See poster below for more information.

Please let Claire know if you are able to help (claire@evans-mail.co.uk) and please book your space if you want to attend.

- Safeguarding Notice

A foundation safeguarding course is being run online on Tuesday 24th March. 10am-12.45. There are spaces available, and can be booked using the link below. Everyone who has a role in the church should have a current certificate.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foundation-module-online-tuesday-24th-march-2026-tickets-1980559138699?aff=oddtcreator>

Any questions or queries please speak to me.

You may even recognise one of the trainers!

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- Change of Phone Details

As from the 2nd March, Tom and Dorothy Parker will no longer have a landline. Please use the numbers below:

Tom's mobile 07771800229

Dorothy's mobile 07887654622

Thank you, Tom Parker

- Open Mind Meaningful Support- March Update

Open Mind continues to be busy, supporting an average of 24 people each week. Continuing from 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? – Since 16th January 2024

2) What do you like and / or find helpful about coming to Open Mind? – This group has been an absolute lifeline for me. They have seen me at my worst / best and small wins. They are the most wonderful supportive team ever. I have made friends and everyone is so welcoming. My Wednesday time for me and love everyone.

3) Do you have any suggestions on how / if we could improve the service? - Nothing

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

- Upcoming REACH Events

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

They are planning a few events over the next few months to raise funds for this great work, and you are invited!

Concert- This feel-good night of live music will take place on Thursday 30th April, at the Haverhill Arts Centre. Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £15. Come and hear from a group of talented, professional musicians who are giving their time for free in aid of REACH!

Colour Run- Run, walk or dance your way through 2km of coloured powder clouds! This colourful community fun run for all ages is run in partnership with Haverhill Running Club. It will be held in East Town Park on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children.

Book now by phoning 0800 009 6710, or email info@reachhaverhill.org.uk
Speak to Kim for more information.

- Flowerheads and Candles

Debra Barritt is organising a bereavement support event at the EpiCentre on Friday 20th 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 see the poster below, or speak to Debra for more information.

- District Lent Bible Study

You are invited to a district Lent bible study on Saturday 28th 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 Magdelene- Apostle to the Apostles.' Everyone is welcome, tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. See poster below for more information.

- 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

Dates for your Diary

March		
8 th	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses- Communion, 3 rd in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Jill and Nick Wray
	6:30pm	Evening Youth Service
9 th	10.30am	Lent Bible Study in Church Hall
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
16 th	10.30am	Lent Bible Study in Church Hall
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- 5 th in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs T Seljamae
	4-6pm	Easter Messy Church in Church Hall
23 rd	10.30am	Lent Bible Study in Church Hall
24 th	10am-12.45	Safeguarding Training- Online
	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
29 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell- Palm Sunday, 6 th in Lent Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Robert and Jill Archibald
30 th	10.30am	Lent Bible Study in Church Hall
31 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
April		
1 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service, Communion
5 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John- Easter Sunday, Communion Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Church Easter Flowers
7 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
8 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
12 th	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Church Easter Flowers

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

Come and join our EASTER PARTY!

Free Easter event for all the family.
Fun, games, arts and crafts, food!

Haverhill Methodist Church Hall
Sunday 22nd March, 4.00-6.00pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Activities are mainly aimed at Primary age.

For more information or to book email:
HMCmessychurch@gmail.com



**Please include any
dietary requirements**



Illuminate youth group invite you to their

Youth Service

**Sunday 8th March
6.30pm**

Haverhill Methodist Church

**Worship, drama, prayer, quiz
Refreshments**

Family friendly, all welcome!

More information from Sarah info@haverhill.yfc.co.uk

Haverhill Youth & Community Band

IN CONCERT

with Special Guests

Prime Brass

Cambridge-based 10-piece brass ensemble

4pm, Sunday 1st March

Haverhill Arts Centre



£ 10.50 Adults
£ 5.50 Under 16s
includes £1.50 HAC booking fee

HAC HAVERHILL
ARTS
CENTRE



with financial help from
Haverhill Town Council

Haverhill Youth & Community Band is part of Haverhill Silver Band, a registered charity, No. 1182260

Flowerheads & Candles

A Bereavement Support Event

Has a loved one died (human or pet)? You don't have to go through grief alone. Join us for a gentle and supportive event where you can connect with others who understand loss.



10:00 – 12:00
Friday 20th March

The EpiCentre, Haverhill, CB9 7LR

Join us at this quarterly event, for comfort, connection, and a space to share your feelings and experiences.

There will be a short presentation on the grieving process and small group sharing.

Tea and coffee and an act of remembrance

This is a supportive space to share and be heard.

A donation towards East Anglian Air Ambulance will be welcome, but is optional.



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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 28TH 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