

GOD LOVES YOU!



Haverhill Methodist Church

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Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. - 1 Chronicles 29:11

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.

- Sunday Club Games Night

TODAY between 4-6pm, Sunday Club will be having a social gathering for a bring and share tea and games night! All welcome. Children under 7years must be accompanied by an adult. Please see the poster below for more information.

- Music Exams

PLEASE NOTE this coming week on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March, there will be Music Exams taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge. Please do not enter these areas and please be aware of noise around the site, particularly in the car park. Thank you!

- A reminder

Sunday March 22nd will see a very special service in our Church.

Speaker- Dr Mike Baker

Subject- Being an eco-Church

Suitable for all ages.

Details of the A Rocha award scheme and resources for eco-Churches

The mayor is expected at the service to offer us encouragement.

Please make every effort to be here and bring your friends!

Please speak to Ken Nicholls if you have any questions.

- 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! Gill Wadson

- Easter Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday morning at 9am. There will be sausage and bacon rolls, fruit juice, tea and coffee. There may also be some chocolate! Please sign up to help with catering numbers. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you. Susan Marren

- 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 Magdalene-Apostle to the Apostles.' Everyone is welcome, tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. See poster below for more information.

- Brahms Requiem

Haverhill Singers would like to invite you to a concert of Brahms Requiem performed by the well-known forty-strong choir and soloists, and accompanied by chamber orchestra. This concert offers a distinctive and moving encounter with one of the great choral masterpieces.

Saturday 18th April 2026, 7pm at St Mary's Church.

Book early to avoid disappointment. Please see the 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.

Dates for your Diary

March		
13 th	4-6pm	Sunday Club Games Night 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
	All Day	Music Exams taking place- Please do not enter!
16 th	10.30am	Lent Bible Study in Church Hall
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17 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	7.30pm	Lent Bible Study on Zoom
18 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
22 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls with Dr Mike Baker - 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)
	7.30pm	Lent Bible Study on Zoom
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)
	7.30pm	Lent Bible Study on Zoom
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

SUNDAY CLUB SOCIAL



FRIDAY

MAR
13TH
2026

4-00-6.00PM

**HAVERHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL
BRING AND SHARE TEA
BRING A GAME
UNDER 7S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT**

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com

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.



ADAPT COUNSELLING
EXPERT COUNSELLING FOR PEOPLE IN AND AROUND HAVERHILL

Facilitator:

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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



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

BRAHMS REQUIEM

A rare and moving encounter
with a choral masterpiece,
sung in English by a forty-
voice choir and soloists, with
chamber orchestra.

*Haverhill
Singers*

A graphic of a musical staff with a treble clef and several notes, including a large eighth note, flowing across the page.

Saturday 18th April 2026 at 7pm

**St Mary's Church, High Street,
Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8AX.**

Tickets at £15*

*accompanied children under 16 free.

**Book on-line
@haverhillsingers.org
or call 07702 310044**

