

GOD LOVES YOU!



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I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. - Job 19:25

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.

- General Church Meeting

Just a reminder that our Annual General Meeting will take place THIS Sunday (17th May) after the morning service, during coffee time. It would be great if everyone could stay. I expect the meeting to last no longer than an hour. This is a valuable opportunity to hear about what God is doing among us, share your experiences with the church family, and discuss where God might be leading us next. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Here are some questions to consider beforehand and bring to the discussion:

- 1) Which one moment at church this year felt meaningful, made you smile or made you feel at home?
- 2) Which one moment at church this year made you feel more connected to God?
- 3) Suggest one word which describes our church right now.

- 4) What should we definitely not lose as we move forward?
- 5) Suggest one idea where God might be leading us next.
- 6) How might you be able to help or serve the church this year?

Many thanks, Rev Moses

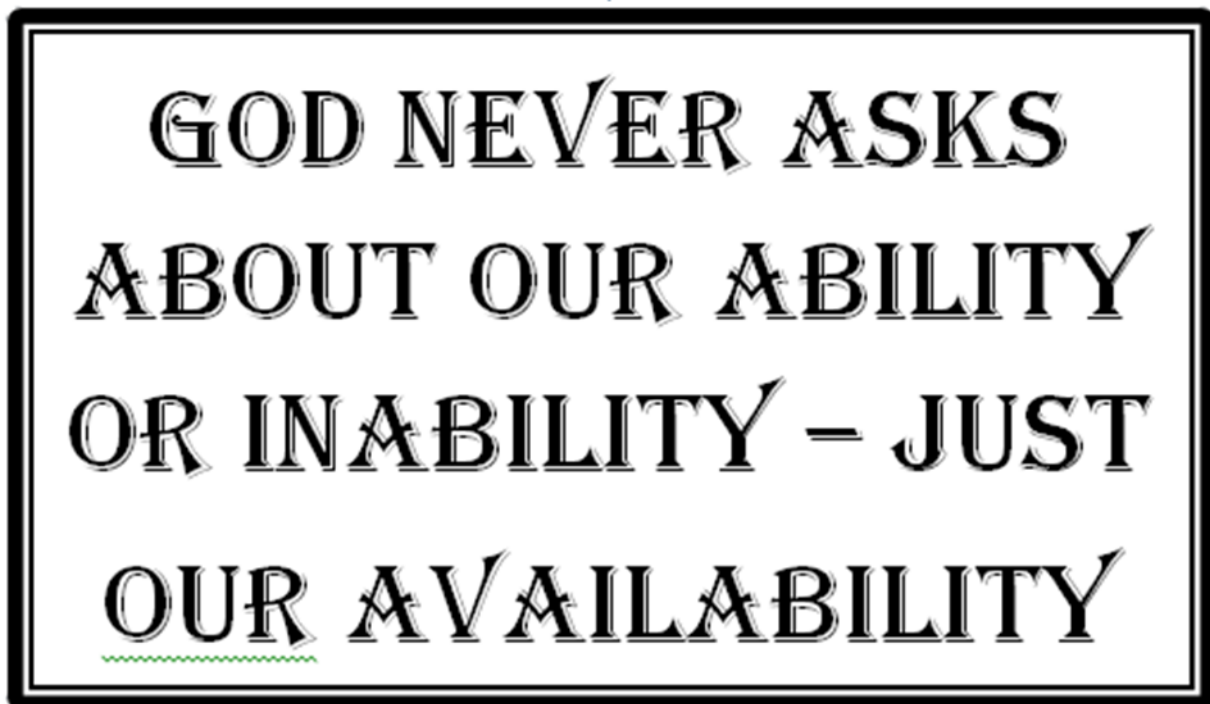
- Cake Sunday

The next Cake Sunday will also be held THIS Sunday 17th May. As usual we are looking for donations of finger sized cakes either homemade or shop bought. We are always so grateful for all your generosity in supplying cakes. Thank you all so much. Susan Marren

- Giving News

Just to let everyone know that £300 from the church's tithing fund has been sent to Christian Aid. Linda Arrowsmith

- A Reminder...



You may have seen this small poster on the noticeboard in the church hall. It's been there for about 15 years! I thought I'd bring it to everyone's attention after Elizabeth's notice about needing volunteers for Sunday Club. Kathy Cohen

- Fancy a day out this summer?

The East Anglia Methodist District has a couple of things you might like to visit.

- A Flower Festival at St Andrew's, Sheringham from 25th to 28th June And
- The Hive at Great Cressingham has lots of events over the coming months.

Take a look at the posters at the end of this issue for all the details.

- Blast from the past!

This newspaper cutting from the Haverhill Echo appeared on Facebook last week – only 59 years ago!

Haverhill Echo, Thursday, July 10, 1969

Haverhill's future citizens line up



Methodist Youth Club's fete raises £100

Haverhill Methodist Youth Clubs on Saturday staged a successful garden fete at the Youth Centre which raised £100 for Overseas Hospitals. Over 500 people attended.

The Methodist minister (Rev. G. W. Sharman) welcomed the guests and introduced the chairman of Haverhill Council, Mr. Ron Hartley and Mrs. Hartley. Both spoke of the excellent project. Mrs. Hartley declared the fete open. A bouquet and buttonhole were presented by Janice Hunter and Cleveland Williams.

The baby show was a great attraction, well over 80 babies in the contest. Judges were Nurse Kaye, Nurse Poole, Nurse Ricks, and helpers were Nurse Quinn, Ivy Cowle, Elizabeth Quinn, Dorothy Hughes, Stella Gowlett, Ruby Mizon, Kathleen Nunn, Margaret Forge and Eileen Bird.

Prizewinners: 1-6 months, 1 Vanessa Pordase, 2 Carl Anderson, 3 Fiona Andrews; 6-12 months, 1 Matthew Cranham, 2 Lynn Shanks, 3 Glenda Wood; 12-24 months, 1 Lisa Nunn, 2 Michael Parker, 3 Sarah Ayrton. Gift tins of baby foods were also distributed free to mothers of babies.

The stalls which did a good trade were: Variety gift, Anne Blackburn, Jessie Sharman, Laura Brown, Ethel Hurrell, Betty Missen, Phyllis Sisson, Mabel Phillips; fruit and flowers, Alice Jarvis, Phoebe Gaskell, Ethel Darking, Lily Hammond, Rita Crick; sweets and minerals, Iris Radcliff, Edith Weyman, Pat Partington, Ethel Brown; soap and fancy, Pat Shanks, Kathleen Austin, Betty Pizzie, Ann Beddoes, Pamela Wood; teas and refreshments, Violet Mead, Lily Willis, Lottie Pritchard, Beatrice Williams, Sarah Watts, Mabel Hennessy, Dorothy Davis, Florence Badcock, Doris Underwood, Emmie Whitfield-Smith, Doreen Lanaway, Dorothy Miller, Viola Baxter.

Entertainment was provided by the competitions and side-show as follows: Cake, Miss B. Farrant (winners Miss K. H a l l s, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. R. Whitehead); teddy bear surprise, Miss E. Quinn, Valerie and Janet Quinn (winner Mrs. Morley); bowling for turkey, May Forster, Catherine Johnston, Doris Sivell (winner Jerry Kienan); cupid's heart, Haverhill Youth Group (winner Mr. N. Salmon); grass darts, Jim Missen, Charles Jarvis (winner, Mr. A. Yerrill); old tyme skittles, Weston Colville team (winner Mr. B. Nunn); Golden Pyramid, Horseheath team, (winner Mr. R. P. Cranham); ball the dice, Barnardiston team (winner Mr. G. Foster); super swing pins, West Wickham team (winner Mark Cranham); pinola parade, West Wrattling team (winner Mr. P. Pavey); drop in bucket, Withersfield team (winner Mr. S. Abrahart); gate stewards, Fred Barker, David Partington, Cecil Davis; demonstrations and displays, John Whitehead, Tony Boxhall, John Sharman, Trevor Sharman, Michael LeRoy, Tony Boxhall, Jill Fennell, Haverhill Sunday School and members of Youth Clubs. The prizes were presented by Mrs. R. Hartley.

A vote of thanks was given by the Rev. G. W. Sharman. The target of £100 had been reached, he said.

- Women's Conference

Join us for the 'Breathe' Women's Conference at the C3 Church in Cambridge. 'KNOWN BY GOD, KNOWN BY OTHERS, KNOWN BY SELF' On Friday 12 Jun 2026 19:30 (Evening session) Saturday 13 Jun 2026 9:00- 18:30 (Morning and Afternoon Sessions).

Inspired by Luke 2:52, where Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and favour, we'll gather to explore how we grow too — in our relationships, our wellbeing, our confidence, and our faith. You are not lost in the crowd. You are known.

For details and to purchase tickets go to <https://breathe.thec3.uk/>

Email Elizabeth if you plan to go so we can sit together as a church group.

Email: Elizabeth.Mitchell043011@gmail.com

- 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



EAST ANGLIA PILGRIMS

Walking in Faith

**Come and join the new, exciting
pilgrimage days across East Anglia**

2nd May: An 8 mile pilgrimage around Fen Drayton Nature Reserve focussing on caring for the environment. Starting with bacon butties at Over Methodist Church, Cambs (10am start)

13th June: Walking in the footsteps of former pilgrims from Wells to Walsingham, Norfolk (10am start)

11th July: A ten mile walk starting at The Hive, Great Cressingham at 11am. This pilgrimage takes in South Pickenham round tower church and Houghton Hill church with its medieval wall paintings. Bring a packed lunch.



All are welcome to any or all of the events where you can enjoy times of fellowship, chat, quiet and companionship. Dogs welcome.

To book your place email: danielle@eangliamethodist.org.uk



Flower Festival

“My Favourite Book”

25th. - 28th. June

Thurs/Fri/Sat 10am - 4.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am Morning Worship

12noon - 4-30pm Festival Open

5.00pm Festival Praise

Stalls, Light Refreshments
Prayer activity and Childrens' activity

**N.B. Cafe closes at 4pm daily*

Admission Free

Proceeds for Church Funds
and a donation to 'Nelsons Journey'
a Norfolk charity supporting bereaved children

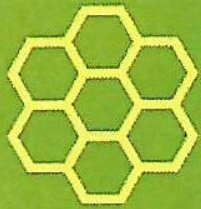


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SUMMER SEASON 2026 AT THE HIVE

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 30 April 3.00 - 4.00 | **THOUGHTS ON THURSDAY**

Friday 8 May 11.00 - 12.30 | **CELTIC JOURNEYS — 'CALM'**

Friday 22 May 11.00 - 12.30 | **IN THE BEGINNING . . .**

Thursday 28 May 3.00 - 4.00 | **THOUGHTS ON THURSDAY**

Saturday 30 May 2.30 - 4.00 | **CHAIR YOGA**

Sunday 14 June 3.00 - 5.00 | **MUSIC & POETRY**

Saturday 20 June 1.00 - 4.00 | **QUIET DAY — 'CHANGE'**

Thursday 25 June 3.00 - 4.00 | **THOUGHTS ON THURSDAY**

Saturday 27 June 2.30 - 5.30 | **SUMMER SING**

Sunday 5 July 2.30 - 5.30 | **OPEN PLAY READING**

Saturday 11 July 10.30 - 5.30 | **PILGRIM WALK**

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All our events are
free - donations
welcomed

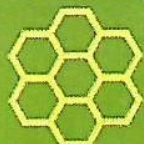
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Light
refreshments
provided



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Dates for your Diary

May		
17 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Hilary Curtis Followed by General Church Meeting for ALL!
19 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
20 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
24 th	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Margaret Taylor
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
27 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
31 st	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Sue and Stephen Symonds
June		
2 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
3 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
7 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Denny Letcher
9 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
10 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
14 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John, Communion Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Angela Proctor
16 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
17 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
21 st	10.30am	Preacher: Kim Moses Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Tracy Creasy
23 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
24 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Coffee Lounge Flowers: Jenny & Bryan Ellicott

* If you would like to join the Flower Rota, please contact Sue Symonds
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