

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*  
- Psalm 95:1-2

**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 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 Team

Could you join our Sunday Club Team?

We have a wonderful team of leaders and helpers who run our different age groups on Sunday mornings, but we would really love some more people to join the team! Ideally, we want people to help once a month.

Leaders plan the sessions from online resources which are straightforward to follow. Helpers just need to support on the day, for example supporting craft with younger children or Bible study/discussion with older ones. We would love both men and women on the team.

We are ideally wanting to split our oldest group (11-18s) into two smaller groups as it has become a very large group.

You'd also be welcome to come and try it out or watch a session.

If you'd like to know more, please speak to any of the team or contact Claire at [Claire@evans-mail.co.uk](mailto:Claire@evans-mail.co.uk) Thanks, Claire Evans

- HMC Women's Breakfast

You are warmly invited to our next Women's Breakfast which will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 9am- 10:30am. This time we will be asking for small donations (£2-3 pp would cover costs). Please do sign up on the sheet in the foyer so we know numbers, or speak to either Elizabeth, Ruth or Kim. Please do come along and join in!

- HMC Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9am – 10.30am, at the Black Bull in Balsham. This will be in a private room/area with a short talk from an invited speaker. We're happy to share cars to get there, just ask Jon or Dami if you'd like a lift. See poster below for details. Jon Barnes

- C3 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](mailto:Elizabeth.Mitchell043011@gmail.com)

- Flowerheads and Candles

Debra Barrit is organising another bereavement support event on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 10am at the EpiCentre. Please see the flyer below for more information and do speak to Debra if you have any questions.

- Open Mind

Please see below for a new poster about Open Mind – a free, confidential, and judgment-free mental health drop-in service which runs from our Church Hall on Wednesday Mornings. Have a read, and do pass it on if you think it might help someone.

Speak to Claire Martin if you have any questions.

- 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.

- 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)

Haverhill Methodist Church  
*Women's Breakfast*

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

9am-10:30am

In the Church Hall

Donations collected on the day

All Welcome!



Haverhill Methodist Church  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

4TH JULY, 9:00-10:30 AM

AT THE BLACK BULL, BALSHAM



**Full English Breakfast:**

- Scrambled eggs
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Tomato
- Mushroom
- Toast, Tea or Coffee (cafetiere)

**£16.50** Inc service charge. **Sign up now!**

# The hardest part is often walking through the door

At Open Mind, you will always be welcomed with kindness, understanding, and a **safe space** to talk.



## WHEN YOU ARRIVE:



**A member of our team will** greet you, offer you a drink, and show you to our waiting table.




**You will have time** with a trained volunteer who can support you with whatever you may be going through.



**Afterwards**, you are welcome to return to the waiting table to finish your drink and reflect before leaving.



**If you would like to continue socialising or access peer support**, Next Door Cafe warmly welcomes Open Mind visitors into their friendly space, where affordable drinks and light bites are available (*small change needed*).

 A member of our team can accompany you there if helpful.



In line with the Methodist Church policy, **only trained assistance dogs** are permitted during sessions.

We understand that dogs can be a very important source of emotional support. However, due to:



allergies and phobias



the nature of our busy drop-in environment



the needs of all service users

**we are unable to allow other dogs into the space.**



Thank you for your understanding  
and continued support of



# 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](mailto:danielle@eangliamethodist.org.uk)



# Flower Festival

“My Favourite Book”

**25th. - 28<sup>th</sup>. 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

**St. Andrew's  
Methodist Church  
Sheringham NR26 8SA**

[www.sheringhammethodist.org.uk](http://www.sheringhammethodist.org.uk)

registered Charity No: 1212809



# Flowerheads and Candles

Free Bereavement support event\*

Short Presentation on bereavement  
Small group sharing  
Act of remembrance  
Free refreshments



The EpiCentre in Haverhill  
Friday 19th of June  
From 10.00 to 12.00  
Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome.

Contact:  
Debra Barritt 07563 841813

\*Donations to East Anglian Ambulance



**ADAPT COUNSELLING**

EXPERT COUNSELLING FOR PEOPLE IN AND AROUND HAVERHILL

