

GOD LOVES YOU!



Haverhill Methodist Church

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*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- Romans 12:12*

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.

- Happy Birthday, Verna!



A big Happy Birthday once again to Verna who turned 100 years old on Tuesday! We hope you had a blessed day celebrating with family and friends.

- 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 Thanks, Claire Evans

- 3Generate

This year we are taking a group of children and young people to the Methodist Youth Conference - 3Generate.

If your child is between 8-18 and they would like to attend 3Generate at the NEC in Birmingham, 2nd-4th October 2026 please speak with Claire Evans or Sarah Glasswell and complete the consent form. The deadline to sign up is Sunday 12th July. An information sheet and consent form are attached below.

The district are kindly paying the full ticket price of £130 per child. We will travel by coach and will be asking for a contribution towards this cost.

Contact claire@evans-mail.co.uk for more information.

- HMC Women's Breakfast

You are warmly invited to our next Women's Breakfast which will be held in the Church Hall TOMORROW, Saturday 27th June, 9am – 10:30am. This time we will be asking for small donations (£2-3 pp would cover costs). Please do speak to either Elizabeth, Ruth or Kim for more information.

- HMC Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will still go ahead NEXT Saturday 4th July, 9am – 10.30am. However, we've had a change of venue and plan to meet at the Drabbet Smock Weatherspoon's in town again. Speak to Jon Barnes for more information.

- Haverhill Show Outdoor Service

Please note that NEXT Sunday 5th July there will be no service in church. We will share an outdoor service on the Rec (opposite the church building) as part of the Haverhill Show. The service will begin at **10am**, and will be led by Rev Moses and our worship team. Please do come along and take part!

- 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.

- Veterans Brass Concert

Veterans Brass will perform a concert at St Mary's Church on Thursday 9th July. Tickets are £5 and doors open at 12.30. See the poster below for more information.

- 100 Years of 1st Haverhill Scouts

Please join the 1st Haverhill Scouts in celebrating 100 Years on Saturday 11th July between 12noon and 4pm. It will be an afternoon of adventure,

food and family fun. Everyone is welcome! See the poster below, or speak to Abi and Stuart Britten 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

Haverhill Methodist Church
Women's Breakfast

Saturday 27th 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!**

NOTE, CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THE MENS BREAKFAST!



3Generate 2026 – ON THE WAY

- **This year at 3Generate the theme is On The Way** - a celebration of the lifelong, ever-unfolding journey of faith. Building on previous years' focus on tuning into God and travelling the "Journey of a Lifetime," *On The Way* invites every child and young person, whatever their starting point, to take a meaningful next step with God. The theme encourages simple, everyday practices that help us encounter God, reflect together and grow in community. Rooted in John 14:6, the programme explores Jesus as *the Way, the Truth and the Life*—with opportunities to encounter these ideas in worship, conversation, creativity, movement and reflection.
- **WHEN:** Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th October 2026
- **WHAT:** camping inside the NEC, worship, activities, crafts, sports...
- **WHERE:** NEC Birmingham
- **WHO:** 8-18 year olds
- **COST:** We are very grateful that the District are funding the full price of the tickets (£130/child).
- We will be planning to travel by coach. Leaving Haverhill Bus Station approx. 4.30pm on Friday 2nd and returning approx. 4pm on Sunday 4th.
- We will need to ask for a contribution of £25/child to cover some of the coach costs and we will plan to fundraise to cover the rest. Please speak with Moses if you need support with this.
- You will need to bring your own packed tea for Friday evening, but all other meals are provided.
- **Deadline for booking Sunday 12th July**
- **For more information or to book: contact Claire Evans claire@evans-mail.co.uk or Sarah Glasswell sasglasswell@hotmail.co.uk**
- <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/3generate/>

Consent Form

3Generate Event			
Date:	2 nd - 4 th October 2026	Venue:	NEC Birmingham
Group Details			
Group:			
Group Leaders:			
Participant Details			
Full Name:			
Address:		Post Code:	
Date of Birth:		Age at event (on 02/10/26):	Sch Yr:
Gender: Female / Male / Other	Pronouns: (Optional)	Mobile No.:	
Individual Requirements			
<p>Any known medical conditions (Physical or Mental Health) (e.g. diabetic, bipolar etc.)</p> <p>Details of medication being taken during the event e.g. type of medication – tablets, liquid etc...dosage and when taken, type of inhaler etc.</p> <p>(NB: epipens and inhalers must be kept with the attendee at all times)</p>			
<p>Are there any specific requirements or special needs? (e.g. hearing/visual impairment, mobility problems, autism, anxiety, understanding or communication issues etc)</p>			
<p>Any serious allergies or allergies to medication? (please note allergies such as penicillin, latex or anything that may cause an asthma attack)</p>			
<p>Are there any dietary requirements? (including vegetarian/vegan/pescatarian, gluten free, dairy free, allergies, intolerances or diseases e.g. Coeliac, Crohns, Colitis etc)</p>			
Emergency Contact Details (please provide two)			
First Name:		Surname:	
Relationship:		Mobile number:	

Address (if different to attendee):			
First Name:		Surname:	
Relationship:		Mobile number:	
Address (if different to attendee):			
GP Details			
Name of GP:			
GP address (in the event of an emergency, we may pass on these details)			

Activities

Programme details will be confirmed closer to the event. A variety of activities will be available to participants which include some sporting activities including team sports, exercise machines etc.

Multimedia Images

During the event, attendees may be photographed or recorded (audio or visual) Methodist Church Children, Youth and Family staff take steps to ensure that these images are used solely for the purposes that they are intended, which is the celebration and promotion of the Methodist Church's work with children and young people. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately, you should inform an official as soon as possible. The Methodist Church takes the issue of child safety very seriously and we believe we have a duty of care. This means that images of children and young people will not include names and identifying information.

Parent/Carer Declaration

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

The Friends of St Mary's welcome back

Veterans Brass

who prove you are NEVER too old to
entertain



St Mary's Church

Thursday 9th July 2026

1pm (doors open at 12.30)

Tickets just £5.00 on the door

Members of FOSM £4

Includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Veterans Brass is a full brass band which is Haverhill based and made up of veteran brass enthusiasts from East Anglian bands who between them have over 1000 years experience.





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

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

www.sheringhammethodist.org.uk

registered Charity No: 1212809



1st Haverhill Scout Group

100
YEARS

CELEBRATION FUN DAY

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
ADVENTURE, FOOD AND FAMILY FUN!



ARCHERY



TOMAHAWKS



CAMPFIRE
& S'MORES



INFLATABLES



FACE PAINT

SATURDAY
11TH
JULY



MUSIC



FOOD

PLUS MORE
SCOUTING ACTIVITIES!



12:00PM - 4:00PM



SCOUT & GUIDE HQ
COLNE VALLEY RD
HAVERHILL, CB9 8DT



NO PARKING
ON SITE
PLEASE USE TOWN
CAR PARKS



CELEBRATING SCOUTS AND GUIDES
IN HAVERHILL TOGETHER

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE WELCOME!

Dates for your Diary

June		
27 th	9-10:30am	Women's Breakfast in the Church Hall
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Prayer Room Flowers: Jenny & Bryan Ellicott
30 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Prayer Room (or in your own home)
July		
1 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
4 th	9-10:30am	Men's Breakfast at The Drabbet Smock
5 th	10.00am	Haverhill Show- Outdoor Service on the Rec Please note the change of time! Flowers: n/a
7 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Prayer Room (or in your own home)
8 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
9 th	1pm	Veterans Brass at St Mary's Church
11 th	12-4pm	1 st Haverhill Scout Group 100 Years Celebration
12 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John, Communion Prayer time 10am in Prayer Room Flowers: Dot and Tom Parker
14 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Prayer Room (or in your own home)
15 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Prayer Room Flowers: Claire Guilfoyle
21 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Prayer Room (or in your own home)
22 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Prayer time 10am in Prayer Room Flowers: May Watson
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Prayer Room (or in your own home)
29 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
August		
2 nd	10.30am	Preacher: LA/Rev Moses John Prayer time 10am in Prayer Room Flowers: Kay Smith
4 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Prayer Room (or in your own home)
5 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
9 th	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Moses John, Communion Prayer time 10am in Prayer Room Flowers: Tina Westley

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