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This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

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 80 people).

Prayer Ministry: This is available after morning service each Sunday. Please approach someone wearing a lime green lanyard which has the words Prayer Ministry Team printed on it.

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.

- **PLEASE NOTE:**

There will not be an issue of Connect next week as it is Good Friday. It will be back on 22nd April.

- **Message from Sonja**

There will be no Come & Sing on 10th & 17th April and no Faithful Workout on 11th April as Sonja is away..

- **Palm Sunday 10th April 2022 10.30am**

Our morning service this Sunday will include a sharing time with the theme 'Reasons to praise God today'.

Please come prepared to share with us something you wish to praise God for.

Our children and young people will also be invited to respond.

This sharing time will not be included in the service video so don't be shy!

Don't forget to receive a Palm Cross as you arrive at church. There are enough for everyone.

- Prayer Walking prayer meeting

April 10th 1.30-2.30pm at the Methodist Church

Do please and attend if you possibly can so that we have opportunity to hear feedback, be encouraged together and collectively pray for Haverhill. You are also most welcome to invite anyone else along who may not be Prayer Walking but would still like to join us to specifically prayer for our town.

With every blessing

Bill

- Funeral of Paul Smith, son of the late Daphne Smith

Service of thanksgiving at Haverhill Methodist Church on Tuesday 12th April at 1.30pm.

(A private cremation took place on Thursday 17th March.)

Refreshments/buffet served in our church hall afterwards.

If anyone can please assist with either setting up tables and chairs in the church hall or putting them away afterwards, please speak to Peter.

- Maundy Thursday 14th April 7pm Holy Communion

Join us in church for a reflective service for Maundy Thursday as we follow the story of Holy Week and Easter and share in Holy Communion.

- Good Friday 15th April 10am

Haverhill & District Churches Together Service at The Old Independent Church, Hamlet Road.

Then follow the Cross in a Walk of Witness to the Market Square for a service. Our church is providing musicians for the market square service.

Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa in St Mary's Church afterwards!

- Easter Saturday 16th April- Find the Sheep event

Bring your children to get an entry form on the Market Square between 9.30 & 10.30 and join in the fun. Real live sheep will be on the lawn outside our church!

- Easter Sunday: 17th April

8am Service of Holy Communion

From 9am Easter Breakfast – please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.

10.30am All-age worship celebration. Remember to bring flowers to decorate the Lent Cross.

Funeral Service

A funeral service will be held in our church on Thursday 21st April at 12 noon for the late Mrs Nancy Brown who once lived on Recreation Road, Haverhill.

Easter Breakfast Sunday 17th April



If you wish to come to our Easter Breakfast please put your name on the list in the Church Foyer

Last chance to sign up this week!!

- Easter Offering Envelopes – Please take one

Each year the Methodist Church, in connection with Methodist Women in Britain, takes up an Easter Offering in support of God's mission.

The money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain to be allocated for work among over 100 Partner Churches and organisations around the world.

Easter Offering envelopes for your donation are available in the church foyer. They may be returned in the offering plate on Easter Sunday or soon afterwards.

Later we shall hold our Easter Offering Dedication Service to which you are invited – more details to follow when known.

Thank you for your support and generosity once again.

NB The 2022 Easter Offering envelopes were out of stock, so we have adapted regular Gift Aid envelopes for this purpose.

- Link to Hope – Christmas shoebox appeal

I know it's early but if you buy summer shoes, please save the boxes for the Christmas appeal.

Thanks

Gill

- Could you become a Pastoral Friend?

At Haverhill Methodist Church we seek to support one another through a network of Pastoral Friends.

A Pastoral Friend supports an agreed number of individuals. We are in need of new Pastoral Friends to support an increasing congregation.

If you are interested, please speak to Peter or to our Pastoral Secretary Janet Etheridge.

The Role of Pastoral Friend at Haverhill Methodist Church:

1. To offer friendship, caring support and encouragement particularly in times of special need.

2. To keep in contact with those you are a pastoral friend to. This contact may happen through Sunday worship, home visits, telephone conversations, email or text or letters/cards.
3. To pray for and perhaps with those you are a pastoral friend to.
4. To make available our Connect newsletter to those unable to access it.
5. To distribute the annual Methodist Church Membership Tickets and Adherent Tickets.
6. As appropriate, to inform the Pastoral Secretary and Church Minister of any serious illness, hospitalisation or if back up support is needed.
7. To inform the Pastoral Secretary of any changes in their contact details.
8. To attend the Pastoral Meeting.

- Health and Wellbeing

There is a high number of people with Covid-19 in our community and we pray for their recovery.

We continue to help one another stay well by reducing the risk of infection.

To help everyone feel safe and welcome on our church premises, if you feel unwell with a risk of infection, please consider others and stay at home.

If you have Covid-19 symptoms do take a test.

Also, if you have cold symptoms such as a cough or runny nose, please consider waiting until you are better before returning to church premises.

Please continue to use hand sanitizer and follow good hygiene practices. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Invitation

Hi church family,

This year is my 70th birthday and I would like to celebrate it with my church family. I have booked the Haverhill rugby club for the 28th May. If you do wish to attend please could you let me know towards the end of April as I need to know the amount of food to order.

Hope to see you in church this Sunday

Keith Barker

