



## Haverhill Methodist Church

Rev. Peter Goodhall  
The Manse  
24 Hamlet Road  
Haverhill  
Suffolk CB9 8EH

T: 01440 702422  
E: [methodistpeter@gmail.com](mailto:methodistpeter@gmail.com)



## Connect Issue 104

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

*This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.*

*Isaiah 48:17*

**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 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.

- Property Inspection

A Quinquennial Property Inspection by Neil Cleveland of Whitworth Chartered Architects & Building Surveyors will take place on the church premises on Friday 29th April, beginning at 9.30am.

- Sunday 1st May 2022 10.30am

Morning Service will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch. The service will not be an all-age service because we held an all-age service two weeks ago on Easter Day. Sunday Club will meet.

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee together at our afternoon tea in the church hall on Saturday 4th June 2022 starting at 3pm.

Tickets will be available from Sunday 8th May from Gill Wadson and Susan Marren. (Gill's telephone number is 01440 423329)

We are able to cater for 100 people which is why the event is ticketed, with tickets offered first to the church family.

While there is no charge for tickets, there will be a donation plate on the day to help cover the cost.

More details to follow, but make a note in your diary today. Children are also invited and very welcome.

- Easter Offering Dedication Service

A church service will be held on Wednesday 11th May at 3pm to dedicate our Easter Offering for Methodist World Mission.

Everyone is invited to attend.

- A day at the seaside!

Young at heart group are organising a coach trip to Walton on the Naze on Wednesday 15th June. We have 9 seats left. If anyone is interested could they please speak to Janet or Susan. Cost is £10. (£5 deposit required when booking)

- Invitation to a wedding!



All are welcome to Jack and Natalie's wedding ceremony which will be on Saturday 16.07.2022 at 14:00. We would love to see our church family there on our special day to witness our promises to each other and to God.

- Help needed

Do we have any people in our congregation who would be happy and able to input data into an Excel spreadsheet for The Link?

The data will be provided printed out and is all in the public domain as lists of activities, groups and so on, so no DBS, GDPR etc training required. There is such a lot of data that we need as many people as possible! We will then import it into a database for use at The Link.

If anyone is interested, please contact Alison Day at the Salvation Army for a chat. Whatever time you would like to give will be helpful.

Territorial Envoy Alison Day

Haverhill Salvation Army 01440 705247 / 07704 293361

- Calling all crafters!

Young at Heart and friends have been busy crafting cakes and sandwiches as part of St Nicholas Hospice Queen's Jubilee. These will be displayed at the Haverhill Hub

They have also now launched a Tea Cosy Competition as part of their Jubilee celebrations hoping for a creative array of cosies. They don't need to be regal themed, but they will need to stand out from the crowd. There will be rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and the first place winner will also receive an Afternoon Tea for two at the Swan in Lavenham.

Entries will be judged by an independent panel, with judging taking place on Monday, 13 June, at midday at the Haverhill Hub. All tea cosies will be displayed at the Haverhill Hub until June 30.

To be in with a chance of being crowned a winner, you'll need to enter your tea cosy by Monday, 30 May. Tea cosies can be taken to any of their shops or if you are working on-site you can give your tea cosy in at reception. They will need to be packed securely with an information sheet filled in inside the package and the outside clearly marked to say Entry for Tea Cosy Competition.

Those who enter tea cosies via the shops will need to fill in an online entry form

For further information and Information sheet and entry form please see Janet Etheridge

- 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

- 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.

- Prayer Diary for May

Apart from the Sunday services here are some other dates to pray for:-

May

1<sup>st</sup> Bring "n" Share lunch

5/8 Visit of Methodist President & Vice-President to East Anglia District

11<sup>th</sup> 3pm- Easter Offering Dedication Service at Church

17<sup>th</sup> Year 8 RE lesson at Stour Valley Community School - YFC

26<sup>th</sup> Year 8 RE lesson at Stour Valley Community School - YFC

Extra Prayer Topics

*Peter, Jo and family* - Pray for Peter as he continues to lead us through this time of considerable change and uncertainty. Pray he will be guided by the Lord to bring us hope and to deepen our faith. Give thanks for the support he receives from Jo and ask the Lord to bless them as a family.

*Church & Circuit Steward & Local Preachers* Pray for those who support Peter in the practical and spiritual running of this Church especially in this challenging time of change. Pray for those bringing the Word of God to us each Sunday that we may all be blessed and our faith will deepen. Pray for the need for an extra Circuit Steward.

*Worship Band* – Give thanks for those who lead our worship each Sunday through music

*Sunday Club* – more leaders are still needed

*Town Pastors* – More pastors and pray-ers are still required (people to pray in their own homes)

*Reach* – Volunteers needed to assist in various aspects of this work. Pray the staff will not be overwhelmed as the workload increases and that the right staff will be found to fill new posts.

*Illuminate* – Give thanks for the people who have come forward as leaders. Please keep praying for wisdom for leaders to know how to meet the needs of the 16+ age group.

*Youth for Christ* – Please pray for Sarah as she does Chaplaincy work at Castle Manor School on Wednesdays and one to one mentoring on Thursdays. Please also pray for SPACE at Stour Valley Community School on Tuesdays fortnightly alternating with a new lunchtime group to explore the Christian faith being led by Sarah and a student. SPACE at Castle Manor School on Wednesdays.

*Lantern* – Lantern is not meeting at present. Ask the Lord to show the leaders His direction for the future.

*Open Mind* – Give thanks to God for His provision of so many able and gifted volunteers and for new volunteers coming on board. Ask the Lord to bless this important and well received work. Continue to pray for the emotional wellbeing of those who attend.

*Revival* – Give thanks for the new people coming into our Church. Pray for the Lord's visitation upon this Church in power as He has promised.

*Our Fellowship* – Pray for those in our fellowship who are going through difficult times.

Pray the Lord will meet them at their point of need. Pray for peace and healing.

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com) or handed directly to Kathy. Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

- Dates for your Diary

<b>April</b>		
29 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	NO Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for the town
<b>May</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter - NOT All Age worship, followed by Bring & Share lunch Flowers: Mrs M LeRoy
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
6 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – with Holy Communion Flowers: Mr D Huckfield
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
9 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
10 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
	3pm	Easter Offering Dedication service in church
13 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Cham Slade Flowers: Mrs G Wadeson
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
16 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
17 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
20 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	NO Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for the town
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs H Curtis
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
23 <sup>rd</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
24 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
27 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: vacant
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
30 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
31 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
<b>June</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!