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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

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.

- Sunday 3rd July – HDCT United Morning Service

Next Sunday 3rd July you are encouraged to support our Haverhill Churches United Service which will take place on the recreation ground starting at 10am.

It will be a half hour service with music led by our worship group. The theme of the service will be praying God's blessing on Haverhill show and on our communities, and it will be lovely to have a big turnout.

There will be no morning service here or Sunday Club and there will not be the usual refreshments in our church hall and no bring and share lunch.

A small amount of seating will be provided for those who require a seat for this short service, so you may wish to bring your own chair or rug to sit on.

At 9.15am on Sunday we will transport some seats from our church hall over to the Rec. and they will be returned directly after the service. Any help with this will be greatly appreciated.

- “Thank You”s

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all who contributed to setting up my party from the decorating of the buffet table to Janet and Micks extra food. After the last few years of lockdown I just thought it's what everyone needed to cheer them up and going from feedback I've received it seems to have been a success. Also thank you for the many gifts and cards I received for my belated birthday

Hope to see you at church next Sunday

Keith

Thank you to all the church family for sharing with me on Sunday 12th June on the occasion of my special birthday. I was overwhelmed with the many kind and caring thoughts, best wishes, cards and telephone messages.

I will be sending gifts to my Christian Charities as a mark of appreciation.

I do thank the Lord for his goodness and mercy which has kept me through all the days of my life.

“When we trust in the Lord it keeps our faith sky high, and His love endures for ever.”

God bless you all.

Win Franklin

- EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WORKSHOP – Tuesday 5th July 2022 on Zoom

- *Interested in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion?*
- *Want to be part of a church that practices justice in its working, shows solidarity with those who face injustice, and treats everyone with dignity and worth?*
- *Want to know more about what the Methodist Church in East Anglia is doing to achieve that vision?*

Then this introductory workshop is for you!

This workshop will be an introduction to the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, approved by the Conference of 2021.

This will include an introduction to some of the materials published by the Methodist Church in March 2022, including the Strategy User Guide and the Inclusive Language Guide, which are now available for use.

There will be an opportunity to find out about the support that is available to Churches and Circuits from the District and the Learning Network, and a chance to share thoughts on the needs of the Methodist Church in East Anglia moving forward.

There will be two sessions, on Zoom, to try to give as many as possible a chance to attend

Tuesday 5th July 2.00 – 3.30pm

Tuesday 5th July 7.00 – 8.30pm

To book your place on this workshop, please email Danielle Gravestock at office@eangliamethodist.org.uk, stating which session you would like to attend.

Many thanks and kind regards
Ms Danielle Gravestock
District Administrator

- Ladies Night – Friday 15th July

This will be at 6.30pm at the Baltic Amber. Please put your name on list at the back of church if you would like to go. Baltic have asked for a £5 per head deposit, so could you please let me have that asap. Also could you please look at the Menu and list your requirements on the form provided. Many thanks, Janet

- Weddings!!

We have two weddings in our church in July:

Sat 16th July at 2pm – Jack & Natalie

Sat 23rd July at 2.30pm – Kim Prime & John Hutchins

The wedding of Graham Norgett & Leslie has had to be postponed.

- St Mary's Church Holiday Club 2nd – 5th August

Booking forms will be available from Sunday Club. Book early to secure your child's place!

- Tea Cosy Competition

Jill Wray got first prize in the wackiest tea cosy competition at St Nic's. Richard Smith's wife, Lana, won third prize.



- Mission Boxes

For those who are holding Mission Boxes, either Mission in Britain or World Mission, may I please have them in for opening.

Thankyou

Kay

Offer

We have a large amount of cobbles and pebbles to dispose of. There must be about half a ton.

If anyone would like some or all of them they would be most welcome. Give me a ring. 07808 066 733.

Of course the Church itself must have first call on them if they would be of any use in any garden project.

God bless.

Ken and Heather.

- Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group that has been meeting in our church hall on Mondays and Thursdays 1pm-3pm is facing an uncertain future.

Julie Harvey has led the group faithfully for over 20 years and has signalled that the time has come to step back.

Also, the numbers of children and families attending has been very low recently.

We are indebted to Julie for all that she has given of herself over those years in service and we express our gratitude.

Julie has said that none of the current parents attending are interested in taking on the running of the group.

So we find ourselves at a crossroads and we need to prayerfully consider our response as a church.

In this ending, is there a new opportunity beckoning?

Please include this situation in your prayers and please speak to Peter if you sense God's vision and prompting.

And if you sense God calling you to be involved in some way in any new venture that might arise - whatever your age - please also speak to Peter.

We need to ask the question 'What do parents/grandparents of infants/toddlers most need from us going forward and how can we put our church premises at their service?'

Thank you, Peter

Prayer Diary

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

July

3rd United Service on Rec at start of Haverhill Show. 10am

12th Church Stewards Meeting

15th Ladies Night Out at Baltic Amber

16th Wedding of Jack and Natalie

21st Haverhill & District Churches Together Meeting

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.

Invitation Committee – Pray for wisdom for the Circuit Stewards and those on the Invitation Committee as they seek the Lord's will for this Circuit. Pray also for Peter and Jo to discern where the Lord is leading them.

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

Sunday Club – more leaders are still needed

Toddler group – Pray for the future of the Mother & Toddler group as Julie relinquishes the leadership after 22 years of service.

Families – Pray for all families as the summer break approaches.

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.

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.

Next Door- Now open 4 days a week. Please pray for the future work.

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 or handed directly to Kathy. Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

- Dates for your Diary

June		
24 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah G Flowers: Mrs A Creasy
		Peter at St John’s Sudbury
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
27 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
29 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
July		
1 st	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
3 rd	10am	HDCT United Service on the Rec at start of Haverhill Show (No service in church)
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
4 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
5 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
6 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
8 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
10 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls Flowers: Mr & Mrs T Parker
		Peter at Trinity Methodist Church, Bury St Edmunds
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
11 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
12 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
13 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
15 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
16 th	2pm	Jack & Natalie’s Wedding!
17 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs C Guilfoyle
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
18 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
19 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the 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 – for everyone!
22 nd	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
23 rd	2.30pm	Wedding of Kim Prime & John Hutchins
24 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs T Westley
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
25 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
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