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I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:14,60,130

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.

Mobile Phones: Please make sure your phone is off or set to silent before the service begins.

- Next Door Café

From 9th August the opening hours have been extended. The new times are 10.30am to 1pm. If you've never visited, drop in for a coffee or even for lunch and see what's on offer!

- Spring Clean Fortnight 8th -21st August

There will be a list of jobs for cleaning and gardening on the table in the church hall on Sunday. Please add your name against any you are able to help with. Also an availability chart for when the hall is free. Please do not disturb if rooms are being used by hirers. Thanks for your help to spruce up our premises. John Loader

- Funerals

Mrs Ivy Radden.

Tuesday 30th August at 11am.

Service at our church followed by burial at Haverhill cemetery.

Keith Hitchen.

Wednesday 31st August 2pm.

West Suffolk Crematorium, St. Edmunds Chapel,

If you are unable to attend in person you are welcome to join in via live webcast at <https://watch.obitus.com> Username: jaso0734

Password: 753777

The family invite you to share memories & refreshments afterwards in the Hospitality Suite at the Crematorium. RSVP Mrs Kathleen Hitchen, 28 Shetland Road CB9 0LN Tel: 07899 817 920

Family flowers only please but if wished donations for the British Polio Fellowship may be sent c/o H J Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill CB9 9HE

- Bring & Share Lunches

There will not be a Bring & Share lunch on 4th September as it is the Sunday Club Anniversary. Instead you are invited to join the church picnic on the Recreation Ground after the service & coffee time.

Bring food, blanket, chairs etc and if you have an outdoor game we can play so much the better!

- Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday Fellowship will re-open on 7th September at 2,30pm in the Church Lounge. Meetings will be monthly on the first Wednesday in the month from September to December initially, to see how it goes. Please speak to Win Franklin if you want to know more about this group.

- Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride 10/9/22

The sponsored bike ride (or walk or horse ride) round local & not so local churches will take place on Saturday 10th September. This is a fund raiser for both the Historic Churches Trust and for ourselves as half of what we raise comes back to this church.

We are looking for (i) riders/walkers to visit other churches

(ii) people to welcome & sign in riders & walkers from other churches (on a rota basis)

(iii) lots of people to sponsor our riders/walkers

Please speak to John or Sandra Loader if you can help

- Haverhill & District Youth for Christ

HDYFC (aka Sarah) have a couple of events coming up.

- Mocktails & Nibbles Party – 7.30pm on 27th September at West End Congregational Church
- Bake Off! 3-5pm on 16th October at Haverhill Methodist Church Hall

Further details & info in the latest prayer letter

- Church Gardens

It has been suggested that we maintain the Next Door and Church gardens as a group activity.

Pat Woodbridge has done a sterling job in keeping them tidy for a long time but is no longer able to do so. Thanks Pat for all your hard work - it has been really appreciated!

We know there are people in our fellowship who enjoy gardening and have some expertise and it would be much better, and less onerous, to use the skills of several folk rather than relying on just one or two to keep everything tidy.

If you are interested please contact Ken Nichols or John Loader so we can get together and plan what needs to be done.

- Prayer Handbook

Dear one and all,

I have ordered the Methodist Prayer Handbook for the new Methodist year, starting in September. I have bought in bulk and have been able therefore to get them at a reduced price, £4.15 rather than £4.50

The general title for the Handbook this year is 'The Greatest Commandment.'

The handbook is a wonderful resource. It has 2 pages of prayers for each day of the month - one for Methodists in a different part of the world and one for a District in the British Methodist Connexion. (Last year our district (East Anglia) was on the 14th day of the month.) It is amazing to discover just how much the Methodist Church is doing worldwide.

The handbook also contains general pages of prayers and a pull-out section giving a reading, psalm and hymn suggestion for each day of the year.

See me if you would like to buy one or just to discuss it.

Every blessing, Ken Nicholls

- [Threads Through Creation Exhibition](#)

Eight million stitches expressing God's love!

'Threads through Creation' is an extraordinary, uplifting textile art exhibition touring twenty cathedrals. It's touching thousands, and most people are blown away by it.

It's on at Bury St Edmunds - at St Edmundsbury Cathedral until 4th September. There is a document attached to this email to tell you more about it.

Go to St Eds, and you'll get to see a spectacular display of twelve huge and beautiful silk panels retelling the story of Creation from Genesis. You've probably read the story in black and white – now see a retelling in glorious colour!

It took Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson three years, miles of thread - and eight million stitches!

It's a great opportunity for Christians to enjoy, and one of those occasions where you can take non-Christian friends to – and be certain they'll enjoy it.

You can get some glimpses of all this on BBC TV Songs of Praise, this Sunday 7th August, 1.15pm and on BBC iPlayer after that.

More info: www.creation-threads.co.uk and www.stedscathedral.org

- [Grapevine Magazine](#)

The theme of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be 'World Church Vision'.

It would be good to have articles that share examples from around the District, where our Churches or Circuits share relationships with other churches in the world, sharing how those relationships enhance the fellowship, mission and worship of the church.

We would also welcome articles that share any relationships that individuals have had with churches around the world, this may include visits to other churches in the world, where you have shared in worship, mission or fellowship.

If you would like to contribute an article that relates to this theme, or know of anyone else who might do, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text) if they are

available. The deadline for articles is **Monday 22nd August** but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive, and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and kind regards

Ms Danielle Gravestock – District Administrator

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- REACH – Vacancies

We have two vacancies live on the website:

Foodbank Project Manager (18 hpw)

Communications Team Leader (F/T)

If you know of anybody who may be interested in either role please point them to the website:

<https://www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/Groups/368676/Vacancies.aspx>

where they will find further details.

Closing date for both roles is 9am on 12th September 2022.

Thanks

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Operations Director

Please note my working days are Monday-Thursday

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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

August		
12 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
14 th	10.30am	Preacher: Cham Flowers: Vacant
16 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
17 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
19 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
21 st	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Flowers: Mr & Mrs M Webb
23 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
24 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
26 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs M Thake & Mrs A Turner
30 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
	11am	Funeral of Mrs Ivy Radden, then burial at Haverhill Cemetery
31 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	2pm	Funeral of Keith Hitchen at West Suffolk Crematorium
September		
2 nd	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
4 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Sunday Club Anniversary, All Age Worship followed by a picnic on the Rec for all the church family Flowers: Mrs L Arrowsmith
	3pm	Baptism of Michael Guilfoyle
	6.30pm	Come & Sing resumes
5 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout resumes
6 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
7 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart resumes in the Church Hall – for everyone!
9 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
11 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter with Holy Communion Flowers: Mrs P Hall
	3pm	Baptism of Nevaeh Quartey
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
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