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*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous
right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

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.

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

- 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

Abigail & Stuart Britten & the boys will be taking part again this year, their donation page is here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abigail-britten2>

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

- Harvest Celebrations

We will be celebrating this year with a Harvest Meal in the church hall on Saturday 1st October at 5pm – more details to follow.

The Harvest Festival All Age service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 2nd October.

Obviously there will not be a Bring & Share lunch that Sunday.

- Link to Hope Shoeboxes

Don't forget to start putting your shoeboxes together ready for the last Sunday in October. Leaflets are available in the church foyer.

More info here: www.linktohope.co.uk

- 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

I have now received the second batch of Methodist Prayer Handbooks 2022-23, still at the bargain price of £4.15 (rather than £4.50).

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

Every blessing, Ken Nicholls

- Prayer Diary for September

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

September

- 4th Sunday Club Anniversary followed by picnic on Rec.
- 4th Town Prayer Walking Meeting at Chalkstone Community Centre
- 7th Wednesday Fellowship re-commences
- 7th Young at Heart re-commences
- 7th Church Stewards Meeting
- 10th Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride
- 14th Circuit/Church Council Meeting
- 17th District Synod
- 25th Afternoon Service at The Meadows
- 27th YFC Mocktails & Nibbles Party at West End Church

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

Schools & Young People – Please pray for all children and young people returning to school or going on to college/university.

YFC-Pray for the work of Sarah through YFC as she is involved in lessons, clubs, mentoring and chaplaincy work.

Reach – Volunteers needed to assist in various aspects of this work. Pray the staff will not be overwhelmed at the workload increases.

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

August		
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
12 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
13 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
14 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
16 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
18 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Flowers: Vacant (Peter preaching in Bury St Edmunds Circuit)
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
19 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
20 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
21 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
23 rd	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
25 th	10.30am	Preacher: Cham Flowers: Mrs G Bowers
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
26 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
27 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
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