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Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

Joel 2:23

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.

- [Gwen Bowers](#)

Funeral Service for Gwen Bowers will be held on Tuesday 27th September at 1pm at Haverhill Methodist Church followed by refreshments served in the church hall. A service of committal at West Suffolk Crematorium will follow at 4pm.

- [Prayer Meeting](#)

There will be no church prayer meeting next Tuesday 27th September because of Gwen's funeral service.

From Tuesday 4th October our church prayer meeting will meet in the upstairs prayer room in Next Door Cafe for the autumn and winter months.

- Pastoral Matters

There will be a Pastoral meeting Tuesday 4th October. 7.45 in the coffee lounge.

We are in need of more people to volunteer as Pastoral Friends.

The Role of Pastoral Friend at Haverhill Methodist Church is as follows:

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 distribute the annual Methodist Church Membership Tickets and Adherent Tickets.
5. As appropriate, to inform the Pastoral Secretary and Church Minister of any serious illness, hospitalisation or if back up support is needed.
6. To inform the Pastoral Secretary of any changes in their contact details.
7. To attend Pastoral Meeting.

- Funeral

The funeral of the late Wilma Power will be held in our church on Friday 14th October at 2.15pm followed by committal at Cam Valley Crematorium.

- 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 Meal Saturday 1st October at 5.00pm in the Church Hall

This will be a bring and share event called 'Your favourite dish from around the world'. Sweet or savoury. We invite you to share with others any dish from anywhere around the world and bring it along on the night already cooked. There is a Flip Chart in the foyer for you to put your name down and the dish you will be bringing and how many it will feed. There is also a form attached to the Flip Chart for you to take home and list ingredients contained in your dish for anyone with allergies (please bring it back on the night with your chosen dish)

For catering purposes please sign the list at the back of the church stating how many of your family are coming also if you are able to help set up the hall from 3.30pm or help after the meal. There will also be a plate available for any donations which will go to 'All We Can', formally MRDF – Methodist Relief & Development Charity). Further details from Janet or Susan.

- Harvest Festival Service

You are invited to join us for our all-age Harvest Festival service on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am.

Your harvest gifts of dry goods for the Haverhill Foodbank will be gratefully received.

A list of urgent goods needed will be made available when known.

If you would like to make a financial harvest gift to REACH Community Projects, these will also be gratefully received and designated for the Winter Crisis Fund.

As before, we will need help to prepare the church on the Saturday before at 10am please

- Opportunity for service

Keith Barker has stepped down as Communion Steward after many years of faithful service. We thank you Keith for all your helpful service.

We are seeking new Communion Stewards, who are members of the church. Gloria has volunteered and has been appointed. A couple more volunteers in this role who are church members would be helpful.

The duties involve preparing the bread and wine in good time on Sunday morning, guiding people forward to receive communion and

washing up the glasses and putting away afterwards. Communion Stewards are usually appointed by the church council. If you would like to be considered for this role, please speak to Peter. Thank you.

- [Link to Hope Shoeboxes](#)

Over the next few weeks there will be a table of various knitted items etc. in the hall suitable for the shoe boxes. Please help yourself
Janet

- [Flower Rota](#)

There are a few vacancies on the flower rota. If anyone would like to donate to the church flowers please contact Sue Symonds on 01440 763613.

- [Useful items available](#)

Graeme Bowers has available a wheelchair and a 3-wheel walking aid that used to belong to Gwen.

If you know anyone who might be able to make use of either, at no cost, please speak to Peter.

- [Volunteers??](#)

I have received an email from the Town Council who are collecting volunteer statistics from organisations in Haverhill to gain insight into the level of volunteering already taking place in Haverhill and surrounding area and to help determine the needs of organisations both now and in the future.

I need to complete a short form regarding church members who are volunteering in any capacity. I simply need to know the number of people actually volunteering for anything, either within the church or in the community, no names or roles are needed.

If this is you, please let me know and I will count up the replies and send the form back. Thanks, Kathy.

- [Readers & Pray-ers](#)

I am about to compile new rotas for readers and intercessors for Sunday mornings.

If you would like to join either list (or if you no longer wish to be on a list) please let me know asap.

Thanks, Kathy

- Sound System

We have had our current sound system for over twenty years and as I am sure many of you are aware it is no longer fit for purpose.

At our church council meeting last Wednesday it was unanimously agreed that the system should be replaced. The cost to replace it will be in the region of £20,000.00.

We have two legacies from Thelma Mills and Reta Crick totalling £17,000 and the Church Council agreed that using this money to purchase the new sound system would be a lasting legacy to both Thelma and Reta. We therefore need to raise a further £3,000.00

We understand that, given the current economic situation, we are currently all experiencing financial stress. However, if any of our members are in a position to make a gift or an interest free loan this will enable us to go ahead without putting undue stress on the Church finances.

If you wish to donate you can either place your gift in an envelope and mark it Sound System and place it in the collection plate in Church, or by making a bank transfer to:

Haverhill Methodist Church

Sort Code:30-93-99

Account Number : 00100693

Please be assured that whatever you feel able to give will be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

David Rinaldi, Church Treasurer

- Advance Notice

There will be music exams taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge on Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st December.

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

September		
23 rd	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
25 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Flowers: Sue Symonds & Mary Thake
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
26 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
27 th	1pm	Funeral of Gwen Bowers followed by refreshments in hall
	7.30pm	HDYFC 'Mocktails & Nibbles' Party @ West End Church
28 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
30 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
October		
1 st	5pm	Harvest Meal in the Church Hall (Bring & Share International)
2 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Peter All Age Harvest Festival Harvest Flowers
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
3 rd	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
4 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
5 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
	2.30pm	Wednesday fellowship in the church lounge
7 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
9 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter + Holy Communion Flowers: Mr & Mrs D Payne
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
10 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
11 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
12 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
14 th	2.15pm	Funeral of the late Wilma Power in church
	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
16 th	10.30am	Preacher: David Frost Flowers: Mrs V Titmarsh
	3pm	Baptism of Madison Winter
	3-5pm	HDYFC 'Bake Off' event
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
17 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
18 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
19 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
21 st	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
23 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Flowers: Wednesday Fellowship
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
24 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
25 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)