



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

*2 Peter 3:9*

**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.

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

- 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).

There will also be a plate available for any donations which will go to

'All We Can', formally MRDF – Methodist Relief & Development Charity).

*Will all those who have offered to set up before the meal be down the hall at 3.30. Thank You*

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 has been circulated by email and is attached at the end of this document.

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.

- Pastoral Meeting Tues 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm in Coffee Lounge

All Pastoral Friends should try to attend this meeting.

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.

- Prayer Meeting

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

- 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.

- Bake Off! 3-5pm on 16<sup>th</sup> October at Haverhill Methodist Church Hall

- 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.

- 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 Update

On behalf of the Church Council I would like to say a big thankyou to all who donated towards the cost of the new sound system.

Thanks to your amazing generosity we have now reached our target and the new sound system is being ordered.

We hope that it will be installed in the new year.

Once again thank you for your support

David Rinaldi

Church Treasurer

- Advance Notice

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

## Advance Diary Dates To Note

Remembrance of Loved Ones Service Thursday 10th November  
7pm

Toy Service Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am

Church Carol Service Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

Christingle Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am

Christmas Eve Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day 10am

- Prayer Diary

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

### October

1 <sup>st</sup>	Harvest Supper International Meal
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest Festival
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pastoral Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	Property Meeting
13/14 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health First Aid Training Days
14 <sup>th</sup> –28 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Committee consider Presbyter Profiles and meet to agree our preferred 5 to submit to the District Chair
16 <sup>th</sup>	Youth for Christ “Bake Off” at Methodist Church
30 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Service at The Meadows
31 <sup>st</sup>	Stationing Matching Group 1 begins

### 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

*Property Committee* – Pray for the property committee as they prioritise the work needed to keep all the property in good condition

*Town Pastors* – Pray for the Town Pastors as they show the love of God to people on the streets on a Friday evening. Pray for wisdom for them and the Lord to protect them.

*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](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>September</b>		
30 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
<b>October</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	5pm	Harvest Meal in the Church Hall (Bring & Share International)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter All Age Harvest Festival      Harvest Flowers
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
4 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
5 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter + Holy Communion Flowers: Mr & Mrs D Payne
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
10 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
11 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Funeral of the late Wilma Power in church
	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
16 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
18 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
21 <sup>st</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine      Flowers: Wednesday Fellowship
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
24 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
26 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
28 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter      Flowers: Vacant
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
31 <sup>st</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
<b>November</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)



# Harvest shopping list

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Squash                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jam                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custard                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noodles                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice (long-life) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pudding (rice or sponge) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisps/crackers          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tomatoes         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar 1kg                | <input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit             | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodarant               |

## NOT needed:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <del>Beans</del>             | <del>Potatoes (tinned or mash)</del> |
| <del>Pasta</del>             | <del>Pasta sauce</del>               |
| <del>Cereal</del>            | <del>Tinned fish</del>               |
| <del>Biscuits</del>          | <del>Tinned meat</del>               |
| <del>Dog / Cat food</del>    | <del>Soup</del>                      |
| <del>Washing up liquid</del> | <del>Toilet roll</del>               |

[www.reachaverhill.org.uk/harvest](http://www.reachaverhill.org.uk/harvest)