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The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Psalm 19:1-2

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.

- [Harvest Giving](#)

Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate from your Harvest giving £135.00 to Reach and £80 to "All We Can" Methodist relief agency.

David

- [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

Bake Off – 3-5pm on 16th October at Haverhill Methodist Church Hall – see flyer attached to this email

- The Alpha Course starting 1st November 7:30pm Online.

The fantastic film and discussion based series is aimed at those on the edge of church, or exploring faith for the first time. Invite and bring your friends! Find out more and register at alpha.org by searching for Haverhill Alpha.

- 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. Shoebox leaflet attached to this email – need to be complete by the end of this month..

Janet

- Ladies Night Out

Book this date! Ladies night out, Friday December 9th, 6.30pm at the Flying Shuttle. More details next week.

Janet/Susan

- Posada

The idea of a Posada comes originally from Central America, probably from Mexico and may go back to the late 16th century. The word 'posada' means 'inn' or 'shelter' in Spanish.

The idea is to use the time of Advent when we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas, to welcome Mary and Joseph into our homes and remember the time they were trying to find a place for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem.

There is a Posada set (basically a manger scene) which travels around the congregation, moving to a new home each day. Members of the congregation sign up for a day when they can receive the

Posada which will be brought to them by the household that precedes them on the list. They will welcome the visitors, provide simple refreshments (tea/ coffee + biscuits/cake) and then hold a short act of welcome. (Words provided). The journey for the holy family will finish in the Church on Christmas morning.

If you would be interested, please sign the list in the entrance or if you wish to know more speak to Ken. Thank you.

- Toddler Club Toy Sale

We express our grateful thanks to Julie Harvey for raising a magnificent £251 for church funds through the sale of toys after the recent closure of our Toddler Club.

- Communion Steward

We are pleased to announce that Linda Arrowsmith has kindly agreed to be appointed as a further Communion Steward; a role Linda is returning to.

We thank Linda and Gloria for responding to this need.

- 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.

- Vacancy for 2 representatives to District Synod

The East Anglia District Representative Synod meets twice a year in the autumn and spring, usually from 10am to 3.30pm on a Saturday at a venue in our District.

The District Synod sets the policy for the district, serving as a link between the Conference and the Connexional Team on the one hand and the circuits and local churches on the other.

It is a chance to meet the wider Methodist family and be informed and inspired about what is happening and what God is doing.

Our Haverhill Circuit has 2 vacancies to fill to ensure that we are well represented. Currently, myself, Kathy Cohen and Jacqueline Stewart, represent us. David Payne has stepped down after many years of attendance. We thank David for his presence and representation.

If you think you would like to be appointed as an additional new Synod representative, or would like to find out more, I would be pleased to have a chat with you.

The next District Synod is on Saturday 22nd April 2023 in Norwich. Car transport to and from Synod is usually shared and we take a packed lunch. Why not give Synod a try?

Thank you.

Peter Goodhall

- Men's Shed

If you missed the taster days on last week's poster, you can get in touch via their website <https://sites.google.com/view/haverhill-shed/home> or search 'Men's Shed Haverhill' on Facebook to find out more.

- Returns please!

Would members of the Church Council return their comment sheet about the gardens to me as soon as possible, if they intend to put forward any suggestions.

Many thanks.

Ken

- Volunteers – last call

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.

- Advance Notice

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

Advance Diary Dates To Note

Remembrance of Loved Ones Service Thursday 10th November
7pm

Toy Service Sunday 4th December 10.30am

Church Carol Service Sunday 11th December 5pm

Christingle Sunday 18th December 10.30am

Christmas Eve Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day 10am

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

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 Next Door (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 Next Door (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 Next Door (or in your own home)
26 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
28 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
30 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Vacant
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
31 st	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
November		
1 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
	7.30pm	Online Alpha Course
2 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
4 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
6 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah – All Age Worship Flowers: Mrs J Stewart
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
7 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
8 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
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