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I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 16:8

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.

- 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

- Light Party - Sunday 30th October, 4.30-6pm

Please let Claire Evans know if you would like to help.
Please invite your friends and family.

- 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 leaflets on the Welcome Desk – need to be complete by the end of this month..

Janet

- 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.

- Family Quiz night on Saturday November 20th at 6 pm

Tables of 8. Please arrange to share with friends.

Bring your own nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks.

No charge but a donation to Church funds would be much appreciated

Ken and Heather Nicholls

- Ladies Night Out - Friday December 9th, 6.30pm, Flying Shuttle.

6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Christmas menu available – 2 courses £18.50 or 3 courses £21.50. If you don't want the Christmas Menu, you can order from the daily menu. Please put your name on the list if you would like to go and also if you need a lift. We will require a £10 deposit please. We will need to book by 28th November, so please let us know if you want to come asap. Further information from Janet or Susan. Thank you

- 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.

- Thanks

I would like to thank the church for their Generous gift to me upon relinquishing my role as Circuit Treasurer. It was a very kind thought.

Thank you

Sue Symonds

- Church Membership

If you would be interested in exploring Church Membership this autumn, please speak to our minister Peter and he would be pleased to have a conversation with you.

- 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

- 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

- 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.

