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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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.

- Extra Church Prayer Meeting

There will be a church prayer meeting open to all on Friday 28th October 7pm-8pm in the church lounge.

This is to pray together ahead of the stationing matching group that meets the following week.

We hope you can join us as we pray for all involved and seek God's will for the future.

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

See attached flyer.

Please let Claire Evans know if you would like to help.

Please invite your friends and family.

- Link to Hope Shoeboxes

The Christmas shoeboxes which have been returned to church will be dedicated during our morning service on Sunday 30th October, before being taken to Clare Baptist Church (the local collection point).

- Monday 31st October

The gardening group will meet, 10.30am at 7 Bryony Close.
Ken

- 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.

- Sunday 6th November

There will be a Bring & Share lunch after morning worship.

- Fairtrade Christmas Sale 12th November

There will be a Fairtrade Christmas sale at Clare Baptist Church on Saturday 12th November from 10am to 1pm.
Please see attached flyer for further details.

- Family Quiz night on Saturday November 26th at 6 pm

Please could you sign the sheet in the foyer so that we can cater appropriately! Sign as individuals, couples groups or as tables of 8. Bring your own nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks. No charge but a donation to Church funds would be much appreciated.

Many thanks.

Ken and Heather Nicholls

- Posada

Please sign up for the Posada, Details and sheet available over refreshments after the service.

Thank you, Ken.

- 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. Closing date 20th November, so please let us know if you want to come asap. Further information from Janet or Susan. Thank you.

- The Daily Prayer List is now available

For those who have not seen/heard of this before, it is a list of the names of everyone in our Directory organised so you can pray for a few people each day of the month. This means we each get prayed for at least 12 times a year by lots of people!

Pick up your copy in church this Sunday!

- Thanks

Many thanks for the gift I received on the giving up of my communion steward duty. The gift was totally unexpected but very much appreciated.

Thanking you, Keith

- GIFT AID TAX REFUNDS

The amount received for the tax year 2021/22 was £8551.36. This is for those members of the Church that either contribute via their bank or use the envelope scheme and have signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. A big Thank you for doing this.

In addition to this, the Gift Aid for the loose cash placed on the collection plate amounted to £917.21 for the same period.

In past years this source of income has often prevented expenditure exceeding income in the final yearly accounts.

Can I encourage those who pay tax and don't currently Gift Aid their donations to do so. It costs nothing and the Church benefits. For every pound contributed the governments gives us an extra 25p.

Ask me or any of the stewards for a form.

Tom Parker – Gift Aid Secretary

- 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.

- Advance Notice

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

- Prayer Diary

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

November

- Oct 31/Nov 3 Stationing Matching Group 1 meets
- 1st Online Alpha Course Begins
- 6th Pastoral Friends Commissioning Service
- 6th "Bring 'n' Share" lunch
- 10th Remembrance of Loved Ones Service
- 13th Remembrance Sunday & Service in Cemetery in afternoon
- 17th Haverhill & District Youth for Christ Trustees Meeting
- 26th Family Quiz Night
- 27th Afternoon Service at The Meadows

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.

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

- Dates for your Diary

October		
28 th	7-8pm	Prayer meeting for Stationing Matching Group 1
	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
30 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter- dedication of shoeboxes Flowers: Vacant
	4.30-6pm	Light Party – see flyer
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
31 st	10.30am	Gardening Group meet at 7 Bryony Close
	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 begins
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 NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
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)
9 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
10 th	7pm	Service of Remembrance of Loved Ones
11 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
12 th	10am-1pm	Fairtrade Christmas sale at Clare Baptist Church
13 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter–Remembrance Sunday Flowers: Mr L Jacobs
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
14 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
15 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
16 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
18 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
20 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls Flowers: Mr & Mrs R Beaumont (Peter at St John’s, Sudbury)
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
21 st	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
22 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
23 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
25 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
26 th	6pm	Family Quiz Night
27 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion Flowers: Vacant 1 st Sunday in Advent
	6.30pm	Come & Sing