



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

1 Peter 2:9

**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.

- Stationing Matching Group 1

No match was made this time round but there are two further rounds to go (next one 28/29 November) so keep praying!

- A reminder that our Pastoral Friends will be commissioned during our morning worship on Sunday 6th November.

- Bring and Share Lunch Sunday 6th November

If you are attending the lunch, please be ready to help out with the setting up of the tables, the preparation of the food and the clearing up afterwards.

No volunteers came forward last Sunday - so it will be 'all hands on deck' and a team effort once again. Thank you.

- Remembrance of Loved Ones Service – Thurs10<sup>th</sup> November

We hope you will be able to join us for our Service of Remembrance of Loved Ones next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in our church. You are invited to come and remember before God loved ones who have died.

Names of loved ones will be recorded at the door and during an act of worship their names will be read out.

There will be the opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

Refreshments will follow.

May this time of reflection be a reminder of the light of God which shines upon all.

- Fairtrade Christmas Sale 12<sup>th</sup> November

There will be a Fairtrade Christmas sale at Clare Baptist Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 1pm.

Please see attached flyer for further details.

- Remembrance Sunday 13th November

Our morning service will include an observance of the 2 minutes silence at 11am.

In the afternoon, a civic service will take place at the war memorial in Haverhill Cemetery at 3pm.

This will be preceded by the usual parade through town with Bury St Edmunds Sea Cadets.

The parade will leave Haverhill Arts Centre at 2.30pm.

Gordon Watson from our church, an RAF veteran, will be laying a wreath on behalf of our church.

- Family Quiz night on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> 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

- Advance Notice

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

- Posada

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

Thank you, Ken.

- Ladies Night Out - Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

- Christmas Stock in Next Door

We now have our Christmas cards and a few gift items on display in Next Door.

Our opening times are 10.30 until 1pm Tuesday until Friday. Why not pop in for a coffee and start your shopping early?

Next Door Team.

- 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.

- Carols on Christmas Shopping Night

Dear Friends,

Last Christmas, for the first time, we held a Walking Carol Concert, during the late-night Christmas shopping evening. Stopping at 3 different locations in the High Street, singers from our different churches joined together to celebrate the beginning of Advent. Haverhill Youth and Community Band were excellent, and it was a really joyful celebration!

This year the plan is rather different. At 5pm the Mayor will be switching on the Christmas Lights from the Market Square and 5.05 we have been invited to bring our singers and sing a selection of Christmas carols and songs from either a stage or possibly from the raised area at the back of the market square. Once again Haverhill Youth and Community Band will be performing. They will be forming a selection of well-known pieces, and these will be printed for all singers as well as the crowd.

I warmly extend an invitation to you! If you would prefer to simply come and sing with the crowd that would be perfect too! The more the merrier, to make a joyful noise!

Please do let me know if you have any questions at all and also, I would love to hear if you think you might be able to support this event?

- I will need stewards to hand out song sheets. Please email me directly with offers. To meet in the car park at HMC at 4.30 to collect song sheets. All should be finished by 5.30pm. I would like to hear from people early November ideally please.

Every blessing,  
Charmaine Slade  
Lay Pioneer

- Get Haverhill Talking - Open Mind

Dear Friends,

Open Mind -meaningful support will be launching a campaign called "GET HAVERHILL TALKING" on November 1st. Everywhere you look people are staring into their phones and conversation is becoming a dying art. Loneliness is something we see so often at Open Mind and it doesn't need to be this way..

Below, in italics, is the information we will be sharing from our social media accounts from November 1st 2022. An article will also be in the Haverhill Echo.

## *GET HAVERHILL TALKING*

*We all have mental health just as we have physical health.*

*We need to do what we can to keep well and try to prevent mental health issues from even starting in the first place- Prevention is the key.*

*Let's all work together and focus on the well-being of ourselves, our friends and our family.*

*At Open Mind we are launching a campaign in November to GET HAVERHILL TALKING. Each Tuesday we will be posting simple weekly tasks on our social media in the hope that the amazing community of Haverhill will get involved and support our mission to encourage more verbal communication rather than through our phones and computers.*

*Please share with us any activities that you have done and use the hashtag #gethaverhilltalking or private message us on our social media platforms where we will be able to share your ideas with the local community.*

*Let us all inspire and be inspired in uniting us all in the mission to support mental wellness.*

*We all have a big part to play and it all starts by giving someone the time to TALK.*

*You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/openmindhaverhill/> or follow us on Instagram at Open Mind Meaningful Support.*

*If you would like some support with your mental health we are open Weds mornings between 10 and 12 at the Methodist Church Hall. We are completely free of charge, just come as you are.*

- REACH

There are two REACH reports attached to this email, they are extremely grateful for all our harvest gifts. See <https://bit.ly/3hdmSO1> for a video from Henry plus other info.

## 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

*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>November</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah – All Age Worship    Flowers: Mrs J Stewart
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
7 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
8 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Service of Remembrance of Loved Ones
11 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm	Fairtrade Christmas sale at Clare Baptist Church
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter–Remembrance Sunday    Flowers: Mr L Jacobs
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
14 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
15 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
16 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
18 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls    Flowers: Mr & Mrs R Beaumont (Peter at St John’s, Sudbury)
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
21 <sup>st</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
25 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
26 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Family Quiz Night
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion    Flowers: Vacant 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
28 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
29 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
30 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Music exams in church, vestry, coffee lounge
	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
<b>December</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Music exams in church, vestry, coffee lounge
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship & Toy Service Flowers: Mr A Coe
	6.30pm	Come& Sing