



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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## Connect Issue 133

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*This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.”*

*Isaiah 48:17*

**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.

- Peter's stationing

As you are probably aware, Peter was matched with the Jersey Circuit at Stationing Matching Group One. Following a visit to the circuit last weekend Peter has been invited by the circuit and has accepted their invitation. The move will take place in August 2023..

- Ladies Meal - Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Last day to book your seat for this meal is this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Also, any outstanding deposits to Janet or Susan please!

- Next Door Christmas items

A few Christmas items will be on display in the hall after the service for the next two Sundays.

If you would like to buy anything please come with either cash or a cheque as we do not have the facility for cards.

You can also pop in to Next Door and see the full range Tuesday to Friday from 10.30 until 1pm. Why not pop in for a coffee and a browse?

Thankyou from Next Door Team

- 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

- Music Exams

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. Please do not enter these areas while the exams are in progress.

- Advent Study Group – Humbug And Happiness

To help you on your spiritual journey through Advent, you are invited to join us for something a little bit different.

We are preparing reflections based on 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

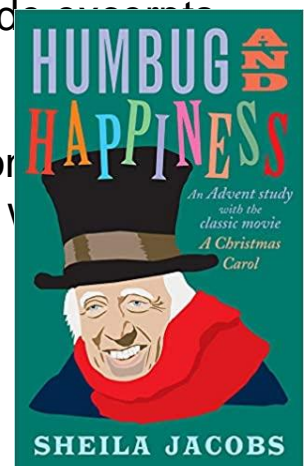
The sessions will be on Thursday evenings and will include excerpts from the classic film starring Alistair Sim.

It was made in 1951 and is in black and white.

This should be great fun and will be a beautiful exploration of the truths of Advent and Christmas and highlight the lessons we need to learn today.

Based on the Advent book 'Humbug and happiness' by Sheila Jacobs, we shall explore the following themes:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm



*The Chains of Life – living through difficult times  
and personal circumstances*

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

*In the Past – things from the past that hold us back today*

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

*Living Now – being aware of God's call for us in the present*

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30pm

*Future ...Perfect? – Understanding God's plan for our whole life:  
yesterday, today and tomorrow*

We plan to hold four sessions from 7.30pm to about 9pm starting on Thursday 1st December and for the following three weeks, meeting in the church lounge or in a larger room if everyone wants to come! Hot drinks (and humbugs) will be served from 7.15pm.

If you would like to be part of this please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

If you need a lift or if you can offer a lift to other people please tick the relevant column in the list and we will do our best to make that possible.

You don't need a copy of the study book to take part.

If you get an opportunity to watch a film about "Christmas Carol" on the television that would be a good appetiser.

We look forward to seeing you.

Peter Goodhall and David Frost

- Haverhill Sings!!

Hello everyone!

Our Christmas event, "Haverhill Sings at Christmas!" scheduled for the late-night shopping evening on Dec 2nd is whizzing at breakneck speed towards us and I need your help please?

Specifically I need lots of people to distribute carol sheets on the night itself. We anticipate a very big crowd in the Market Square so please, don't leave me hanging!

Please tell me that you can help as soon as you possibly can. It's going to be a fantastic event to be part of so please either speak to me in person this Sunday or email/phone me using the directory

Thank you!

Charmaine/ Cham Lay Pioneer

- Big Christmas Card

From 4<sup>th</sup> December there will be a BIG Christmas card available for

you all to sign and wish each other a happy/merry/blessed/peaceful... Christmas. The idea is that you do this instead of sending individual cards to your church friends and that you put the money saved towards the charity the card is supporting – this year that's the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee, see more here: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)) The card will remain available until New Year, so plenty of time for you to sign!

- Toy Service 4<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am

Don't forget! Our Toy Service is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. All Toys/gifts for 0-18yrs old should be new and unwrapped. The Mayor will be in attendance to receive the Toys on behalf of Social Services. Given the parlous state of the economy, the gifts are likely to be needed even more than in previous years.

- 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.

- 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.*

- To you – from our church prayer meeting

At our church prayer meeting the following words of encouragement were shared.

They were first discovered in a copy of our Flame church magazine from many years ago.

We wanted to share them with you to brighten your day and remind you of your great self-worth in the sight of our loving God.

You are very special!

In all the world there is nobody like you.

Since the beginning of time there has never been another person like you.

Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair.

Nobody owns your handwriting, your voice.

You're special!

Nobody can paint your brush strokes.

Nobody has your taste for food, or music, or dance, or art.

Nobody in the universe sees things as you do.

In all time there has never been anyone who laughs in exactly your

way, and what makes you laugh or cry or think may have a totally different response in another. So.....You're special!

You're different from any other person who has ever lived in the history of the universe.

You are the only one in the whole creation who has your particular set of abilities.

There is always someone who is better at one thing or another.

Every person is my superior in at least one way.

Nobody in the universe can reach the quality of the combination of your talents, your feelings.

Like a roomful of musical instruments some might excel in one way or another, but nobody can match the symphonic sound when all are played together. Your symphony.

Through all eternity no-one will ever walk, talk, think or do exactly like you. You're special!

You are rare and in all rarity there is enormous value, and because of your great value the need for you to imitate anyone else is absolutely wrong. You are special and it is no accident that you are.

Please realise that God made you for a special purpose. He has a job for you to do that nobody else can do as well as you can. Out of billions of applications only one is qualified. Only one has the unique and right combination of what it takes and that one is you. You are special!

Anon.

### Advance Diary Dates To Note

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

New Year's Day All Age Worship 10.30am

Covenant Service 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 10.30am

*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>		
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 DO NOT ENTER
	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
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<b>December</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Music exams in church, vestry, coffee lounge DO NOT ENTER
	7.30-9pm	Advent Study with Peter & David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30pm on	Christmas Shopping Night with ‘Haverhill Sings’
	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12noon on	‘Nativity Live’ starting at HMC
4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship & Toy Service Flowers: Mr A Coe
	6.30pm	Come& Sing
5 <sup>th</sup>	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
6 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
7 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-9pm	Advent Study with Peter & David
9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30om	Ladies Night Out @ The Flying Shuttle
	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant      Flowers: Vacant
	5.00pm	Family Carol Service
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25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Christmas Day Family Service Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
<b>January</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Covenant Service Flowers: Mrs G Wadeson

Please let me know if/when your groups are taking a Christmas break and when they will return, so I can keep this Diary accurate  
Thanks, Kathy