



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

*Colossians 3:15*

**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.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion

11.30pm-12.15am

Christmas Day Celebration

10am



- Posada sharing on Christmas Day 10am

Our Christmas Day Service will include a chance to talk about your experiences of being Posada hosts and travellers. Please come ready to share.

If you have any photos of your visits that we can show on screen, please email them to Kathy by Christmas Eve.

- Church Prayer Meeting

There will be no church prayer meeting at Next Door on the morning of Tuesday 27th December.

Our next Prayer Meeting will be at 11am on Tuesday 3rd January.

- Covenant Service 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

We are delighted to announce that our Chair of District, Rev Julian Pusrehouse, will preach at our Covenant service, which will be led by Peter.

- 2023 - A Year of Prayer across East Anglia Methodist District

In 2023 East Anglian Methodists are coming together in a purposeful way to pray through the year.

This is being headed up by our District Mission Enabler Dr Yasmin Finch.

Details can be found at the website [www.pray23.org](http://www.pray23.org)

An online service on Zoom to launch the event with Rev Julian Pursehouse will take place on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm. All are invited.

You can register to attend this service on the pray23 website - look out for the Pray 23 events tab.

- News from the Bury Circuit

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of Revd. Ralph Taylor, a supernumerary minister in the Bury St Edmunds Circuit, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Funeral arrangements yet to be announced.

- There will not be an edition of Connect next week

The next issue will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- Au revoir or hwyl Fawr

Dear Church family.

I would like to introduce you to Lois and Frank who at present, reside in Kedington. I say at present because after 48 years, they will be returning to Wales. In recent times you may not have seen them at church. Health conditions have prevented them from coming in person. However, our dear friends have continued to keep in touch via our video recordings and most importantly, with online distribution of our valuable 'Connect'. They have continued to support our church greatly and will be sadly missed.

Recently, Peter and myself, went to call on Lois and Frank at their home. We were given very warm welcome and spent a long time chatting about their impending move. We were amazed and uplifted at their positivity which at times, has filled them with much trepidation. Venturing on such a huge upheaval at this particular time in their lives must have been daunting to say the least.

On your behalf, Peter presented them with a pretty Holly tree which they accepted gracefully. We hope we will see them from time to time as Lois and Frank have relatives in this area and they assured us they will come and visit us in the future if health conditions allow, Lois and Frank, if you have the opportunity to read this then we would like to send you our love, best wishes and a healthy future as you make your new home in Wales. God Bless you both and may he keep you safe and walk alongside you now and always.

With many Blessings

Peter and Jacqueline on behalf of Haverhill Methodist Church.

And the pictures I forgot to include last week!



- A Poem for Christmas

If you look for me at Christmas,  
you won't need a special star;  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me  
amid the celebrations.  
You'll have to look beyond the stores  
and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment  
from your list of things to do,  
and listen to your heart, you'll find  
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,  
you're the reason that I came,  
and you'll find Me in the stillness,  
as I'm whispering your name.

*Love, Jesus*

*Author Unknown*

### Meadows Care Home services

The following dates are confirmed for these services:

Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2023

Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Mothering Sunday

If you would like to join in any of these events, please meet in the foyer of the Meadows at 2.45pm – also please let Peter know to expect you.

### Advance Diary Dates To Note

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 (Rev Julian Pursehouse)

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>December</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	Christmas Day Family Service Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
30 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
<b>January 2023</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Rev Julian Pursehouse – Covenant Service with Holy Communion Flowers: Mrs G Wadeson
10 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs W Fanklin
17 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs J Rinaldi
	2.45pm	Meadows Care Home service
24 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Mrs K Cohen
31 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
<b>February</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship