

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits*  
*Psalm 103:1-2*

**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.

- [Pray 23 Launch – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7pm on Zoom](#)

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 [here](#)

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25<sup>th</sup> January

There is no united service this year but a resource is attached to this email. If you collect your copy of Connect in church but would like a copy of the resource, please let Kathy know and one will be provided.

- Meadows Care Home – next service

The next service at the Meadows care Home will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3pm. If you would like to go along to support Peter & Alan, please let Peter know and meet at the home reception at 2.45pm

- February Fun – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm

Come along to the Church Hall for soup and pudding then dance the night away to Rinaldi Express!

This is a free event but donations will be gratefully received.

Please sign up on the list in the church foyer if you're coming.

Donations of puddings would be appreciated.

Further details from Janet, Mick or Dave Rinaldi.

- Ladies Night at the Flying Shuttle – 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30 for 7pm

Ladies Night to make up for the Christmas cancelation has been booked for 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30 for 7pm. They have agreed to keep the same price as the Christmas Menu.

I will need £10. Deposit by the 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please sign the list at the back of the church and give deposit either to Janet or Susan

- Charity Concert for REACH – 12<sup>th</sup> May

Last January Henry Wilson gave a very interesting talk at the u3a about this project. Two Haverhill u3a members David and Marie Caulfield are organising a fund raising concert for Reach. The concert will be at the Haverhill Arts Centre on the 12th of May and will feature some excellent musicians and singers. Tickets are priced at £10 each and all proceeds will go to Reach. The Town Council and the Arts Centre have been financially supportive of this event in order to allow us to raise the maximum amount of money.

Please look at this link

<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/reach-charity-concert/> for more information. Tickets can be purchased from the Haverhill Arts Centre.

- Support for Paula & Jack

As many of you will know Jack and Paula are facing challenging times. As a Church family it would be good to continue to support them all we can.

We would like to organise a meal rota for them for at least 2 weeks. Can you please help? If so, please let me know and give me the days that would be convenient to you. If there are sufficient volunteers we will require a 1 off meal for 2 adults and 2 young girls. I understand that the girls do not like rice or spicy food.

My email address is [pat.shanks39@gmail.com](mailto:pat.shanks39@gmail.com)

Paula's address is 90 Shetland Rd, CB9 0LR and their phone is 01440 423215.

Thank you.

Pat Shanks

- World Church newsletter

For those of you interested in the World Church, the latest newsletter is attached to this email. If you collect a paper copy of Connect and would like a copy of the newsletter please let Kathy know.

- REACH

A HUGE thank you for your support this Christmas! This year we had a record breaking number of donations, allowing us to help a record number of people in need throughout December. Your generosity means that we have been able to give local families the support they so badly need

For most of us Christmas is a time for joy and celebration, but for some families it can be a time of great strain. Unfortunately January is just as hard for many. Luckily, your donations mean we can continue to make a difference. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing stories from the people who are receiving life-changing aid thanks to your donations, so please keep an eye on our website and social media.

In the meantime, thank you again for putting the heart into Christmas for so many.

**Henry Wilson MBE**

CEO, Reach Community Projects

(video from Henry available here: <https://bit.ly/3Xmci6M> )

## 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

Music Exams 22-24<sup>th</sup> March

*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

15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter	Flowers: Mrs W Fanklin
16 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Launch of Pray 23 on Zoom	
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	
	10am-12	Painting for Pleasure in the Loft	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
20 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	REACH volunteers event in the hall	
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!	
26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church/Circuit Council Meeting	
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	
	10am-12	Painting for Pleasure in the Loft	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship	
7 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
8 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls	
14 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
15 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall	
	10am-12	Painting for Pleasure in the Loft	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
18 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	February Fun – Soup & Pudding Night + Rinaldi Express	
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter (with Holy Communion)	
	2.45pm	Meadows Care Home service	
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent	
	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Ladies Night at the Flying Shuttle	
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter	