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You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Psalm 119: 114, 165

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.

- Bring & Share Lunch

The Next Bring & Share Lunch will be on Sunday 5th February after Morning Worship.

- February Fun – 18th 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.

- Meadows Care Home – next service

The next service at the Meadows care Home will be on 19th February 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

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

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

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

- Charity Concert for REACH – 12th 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://bit.ly/3wzA6sR> for more information. Tickets can be purchased from the Haverhill Arts Centre.

- Prayer-Time before Sunday morning worship

We are reinstating a time of prayer before Sunday worship, starting on Sunday 5th February.

The church lounge next to the vestry will be set aside from 10am every Sunday for anyone to meet to pray.

The prayer time is not led but a time of open prayer.

It is a time to cover the church service in prayer and it is a peaceful way to prepare for our collective worship at 10.30.

You are invited to join in when you can.

In this year of pray23.org it provides a further opportunity for us to pray together.

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- Grapevine Magazine contributions

The title of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be 'Pray 2-3'. It would be good to have articles that share experiences of different approaches to praying, this can include how your church approaches prayers, your own personal experience with praying or how you might be joining in with the Pray 2-3 District initiative this year (www.pray23.org).

We would also welcome any prayers that you might like to share with the District in our prayer page.

If you would like to contribute an article that relates to this theme, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text) if they are available. *(If you're not on email but would like to contribute please speak to Kathy.)* The deadline for articles is **Friday 10th March** but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive, and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and kind regards

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District Administrator

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Prayer Diary

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

February

- 5 All Age Worship followed by "Bring 'n' Share" lunch
- 18 "February Fun" with Rinaldi Express
- 19 Afternoon service at The Meadows
- 24 Ladies night at the Flying Shuttle
- 28 Church Stewards Meeting

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

especially as they prepare themselves for their new appointment next year.

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.

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. Pray for her at this time especially as she reaches out to youngsters following the recent tragic death of a local lad two weeks ago. Pray for all families involved.

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.

Meadows Care Home services

The following dates are confirmed for these services:

Sunday February 19th 2023

Sunday March 19th 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 22-24th March

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: 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

29 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade	Flowers: Mrs K Cohen
30 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
31 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
February			
1 st	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 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship	Flowers: Mr C Smith
6 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
7 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
8 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
12 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls	Flowers: Mrs K Strowger
13 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
14 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
15 th	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 th	7pm	February Fun – Soup & Pudding Night + Rinaldi Express	
19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter (with Holy Communion)	Flowers: Mr & Mrs M Etheridge
	2.45pm	Meadows Care Home service	
20 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
21 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
22 nd		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 th	6.30pm	Ladies Night at the Flying Shuttle	
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter	Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Loader
27 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
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