

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*

*Psalm 27:13-14*

**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.

- [Prayer-Time before Sunday morning worship](#)

We have reinstated a time of prayer before Sunday worship. 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](http://pray23.org) it provides a further opportunity for us to pray together.

Peter Goodhall

- Our New Members welcomed last Sunday



- Pray 2-3 Online Meeting

You're invited to join the next East Anglia Pray 2-3 online prayer meeting.

It takes place on Monday 27th February, at 7pm on Zoom.

To attend, click this link to register:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtde-rpzlpE9GlpXL\\_6OBUPsSSASzt6hbn](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtde-rpzlpE9GlpXL_6OBUPsSSASzt6hbn)

- Lent Prayer Meetings in the church lounge

Join us as we set aside time and space to pray together in Lent. This will include prayers for our stationing situation as we seek the Lord's will and way for us.

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 8-9pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 8-9pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 8-9pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 8-9pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 8-9pm
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 8-9pm

- World Day of Prayer Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

You are invited to attend a service to mark the World Day Of Prayer (formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer).

It will take place at St Mary's Church in Haverhill on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 12 noon.

The service has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan.

There will be an offering to support grants made by the World Day of Prayer.

- Date for your diary - General Church Meeting

Our next General Church Meeting will take place after our morning service and refreshments on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March and will be held in the church.

We shall celebrate the work of God through our various church organisations and activities. We shall also appoint our church officers for the coming year and look to the future.

All are invited and encouraged to stay for this meeting. Please make a note of the date. Thank you.

- Wedding

The wedding of Emma Gleave and Joseph Hanford of River of Life Community Church will take place in our church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1pm.

- Foundation safeguarding training.

As you know safeguarding and keeping each other safe is everyone's responsibility in the church.

We will be running the safeguarding foundation training run by specialist trainers, on 15th April 1pm to approximately 4.45 in the church hall. Refreshments will be available in the break.

If you volunteer in any of the clubs and activities run by the church it is important that you complete the training if possible.

Please sign up with the link below

<https://eangliamethodist.org.uk/safeguarding/training-foundation>

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to either Peter or myself.

Thank you

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- EDI Training

The Methodist Church is committed to justice, dignity and solidarity. A new online Methodist training programme on equality, diversity and

inclusion (EDI) is now available and open to all. The 2021 Methodist Conference agreed that this EDI training would be mandatory for those holding certain key roles in the church, including ministers, local preachers, safeguarding officers, circuit stewards, church stewards and pioneers. Those expected to complete the training are required to do this before December 31st 2023. More information, including how to register for the training can be found on the Methodist Church website. Here is the direct link <https://mcb.theologyx.com/course/equality-diversity-and-inclusion-foundation-module/>

- Knitting

Can anyone help me in a project for St Nicholas' café? I need knitted squares in beige/fawn (Rabbit colours). Double knitting wool. Cast on 30 stitches on 4mm (old 8) needles and knit 50 rows, that's it. I'll put the rabbits together.  
Needed by 26<sup>th</sup> March.  
Thank you  
Janet

- The Link

Please take a look at the poster attached to this email for The Link – our new one-stop venue for information in the town. More volunteers are still needed. Please see Janet for further information.



- Meadows Care Home services

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.

- Prayer Diary

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

March

- 2 Haverhill & District Churches Together Meeting
- 3 World Day of Prayer

- 9 Lent Prayer Meeting
- 12 General Church Meeting after morning worship
- 14 Pastoral Meeting
- 16 Lent Prayer Meeting
- 19 Mothering Sunday-Afternoon service at The Meadows
- 21 Lent Prayer Meeting
- 30 Lent Prayer 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 later this 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. Help them to face the future sure in the knowledge that the Lord is in control.

*Worship Band* – Give thanks for those who lead our worship each Sunday through music.

*Sunday Club* – More leaders are still needed. Give thanks for the growing numbers of Sunday Club youngsters.

*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 a few weeks ago. Pray for all families involved. Pray also for the work of Illuminate.

*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.

- Advance Diary Dates To Note

Mothering Sunday 19th March

27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> March Sound System Engineers working in Church

Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Maundy Thursday – 6<sup>th</sup> April Service of Holy Communion 7pm

Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – details to be confirmed

Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 8am Holy Communion

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Easter Sunday All Age Service 10.30am

Foundation Safeguarding Training 15<sup>th</sup> April 1-4.30pm

King's Coronation Weekend – 6/7 May – Coronation Big Lunch after church on Sunday 7 May.

*Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com) . Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.*

- Dates for your Diary

<b>February</b>		
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Loader
27 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk
	7pm	Pray 2-3 East Anglia meeting on Zoom (see above for details)
28 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
<b>March</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!
	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting - 2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12noon	World Day of Prayer service at St Mary's
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter - All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs N Wray
6 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk
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!
9 <sup>th</sup>	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting - 3
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mr K Barker
	following	General Church Meeting – come and join in, all welcome!
13 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk
14 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
	7.45pm	Pastoral Meeting for all Pastoral Visitors in Church Lounge
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!
16 <sup>th</sup>	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting - 4
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – Mothering Sunday Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs T Seljame
20 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk
21 <sup>st</sup>		Sound System Engineer in Church
	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting - 5
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Music exams in church, vestry & church lounge–do not enter
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Archibald
	4-6pm	Messy Church in the Hall