

# GOD LOVES YOU!



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.*

*Psalm 33:4-5*

**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.

- 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.

- 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 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

- General Church Meeting - Sunday 12th March 2023 after morning worship

*EVERYONE* is invited and encouraged to attend.

The agenda and minutes are attached with this edition of Connect. Recent reports of activities given to our latest church council are also attached for your information.

New written reports are not required for the church meeting but there will be an opportunity to provide any updates at the meeting.

- Messy Church – Party for Easter

Please see the attached poster for details of the Messy Church Party on the afternoon of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Book your child's place!

- 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

- Advance Diary Dates To Note

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 followed by Easter Sunday Breakfast

Easter Sunday All Age Service 10.30am

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

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 Flowers:Mr & Mrs N Wray Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
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 Flowers: Mr K Barker Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	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 Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Archibald Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	4-6pm	Messy Church in the Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Sound System Engineer in Church
27 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk
28 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
29 <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!
30 <sup>th</sup>	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting 6
<b>April</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	1pm	Marriage of Emma Gleave & Joseph Hanford (RoLCC)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: tba – Palm Sunday Flowers: Miss M Shipp Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge