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Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

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.

- 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.

- Pastoral Meeting – Tuesday 14th March

7.45pm in the coffee lounge. If anyone is considering becoming a Pastoral Friend, could you please see Peter or Janet.

- 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 16th March 8-9pm
- Tuesday 21st March 8-9pm
- Thursday 30th March 8-9pm

- Fair Trade Sale – Saturday 25th March

Clare Baptist Church are holding a Fair Trade Sale 10am – 1pm in their church hall.

- Messy Church – Party for Easter

Please see the attached poster for details of the Messy Church Party on the afternoon of Sunday 26th 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 1st April at 1pm.

- Good Friday arrangements

There will be a short service at the Old Independent Church in hamlet Road at 10am, followed by a Walk of Witness to the Market Square. We will be singing a simple Taizé chant as we walk, which we will learn on the day. There will be a short act of worship on the Market Square followed by hot cross buns & drinks served in St Mary's church.

We are also hoping to put some very short videos on Facebook in Holy week explaining why we will be doing the Walk of Witness and the Market Square worship.

- 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

Thank you to everyone who knitted squares for rabbits – I now have enough thank you (if you still have some already done I will still have them thankyou) Janet

- 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.

- Chalkstone Fun Day

We are holding a Chalkstone Fun Day 2nd August 2023.

Please save the date in your diary.

Do let me know if you wish to be involved.

Thank you. Jacqueline Lowry, Operations Coordinator

Email: admin.chalkstone@rolcc.org.uk

My working hours are: Monday 8-4, Wednesday 8-4, Friday 8-12

Tel: 01440 707766

- Advance Diary Dates To Note

Palm Sunday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday – 6th April Service of Holy Communion 7pm

Good Friday 7th April – details to be confirmed

Easter Sunday 9th 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 . Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

- Dates for your Diary

12 th	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 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
14 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
	7.45pm	Pastoral Meeting for all Pastoral Visitors in Church Lounge	
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!	
16 th	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting - 4	
19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell – Mothering Sunday Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge	Flowers: Mr & Mrs T Seljame
20 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
21 st		Sound System Engineer in Church	
	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting - 5	
22 nd – 24 th	All day	Music exams in church, vestry & church lounge—do not enter	
22 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge	Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Archibald
	4-6pm	Messy Church in the Hall	
27 th – 31 st	All day	Sound System Engineer in Church	
27 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
29 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!	
30 th	8-9pm	Lent Prayer Meeting 6	
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1 st	1pm	Marriage of Emma Gleave & Joseph Hanford (RoLCC)	
2 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Palm Sunday No Bring & Share lunch as Easter Breakfast next week Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge	Flowers: Miss M Shipp
3 rd	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk	
4 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)	
5 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall	
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!	
6 th	7pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service	
7 th	10am	Good Friday Walk of Witness starts at the Old Independent	