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But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

Psalm 59:16

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.

A reminder that the clocks go forward one hour this weekend!

- 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 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.

- Haverhill Salvation Army 130th Church Anniversary

Haverhill Salvation Army is hosting a Songs of Praise this Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm to mark their Church Anniversary, with a visiting band and Songsters (choir). All are welcome to attend.

- Pray-23 next event

District prayers led by the President of Conference Revd Graham Thompson - via Zoom next Tuesday 28th March at 7pm.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/42y6XNb>

- 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.

- Easter Offering Envelopes

Each year the Methodist Church, in connection with Methodist Women in Britain, takes up an Easter Offering in support of God's mission.

The money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain to be allocated for work in Partner Churches around the world.

Easter Offering envelopes for your donation are now available in the church foyer. There is a 'Gift Aid' section on the back of the envelope.

They may be returned in the offering plate on Easter Sunday or soon afterwards.

Thank you for your support.

- Palm Sunday 2nd April

Holy Week begins with our all age Palm Sunday service of celebration.

- Maundy Thursday Service 6th April 7pm

You are invited to join us for a reflective service of Holy Communion. We shall remember the night in the upper room when our Lord washed his disciples feet, shared bread and wine and later prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. David Frost will give the message.

- Good Friday arrangements

Peter will lead a short service at the Old Independent Church in Hamlet Road at 10am, which will be 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 a short video on Facebook on Maundy Thursday, explaining why we will be doing the Walk of Witness and the Market Square worship.

- Easter Sunday 9th April

Our Easter Day celebrations begin with our 8am service of Holy Communion with traditional Easter hymns. This service will be followed by our Easter Breakfast served in the church hall (please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you intend to come).

At 10.30am we begin our all age celebration with joyous songs of praise and worship to our risen Lord and King.

During the service we shall decorate the Lent Cross with cut flowers, so please remember to bring some with you.

- 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/>

For those who are undertaking EDI training, please note that Jacqueline Stewart has agreed to keep a local record of those in our church who have completed this training.

It will be necessary to give Jacqueline a printed copy of the certificate of completion which is issued at the end of the online EDI training.

Thank you.

- Money for Nothing - GIFT AID TAX REFUNDS

Further to my contribution to the Church Annual Meeting held on 12th March 2023.

The amount received for the tax year 2021/22 was £8551.36. This is for those members of the Church that either contribute via their bank or use the envelope scheme and have signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. A big Thank you for doing this.

The Gift aid for the loose cash placed on the collection plate is refunded separately and amounted to £917.21 for the same period.

The amount for tax year 2022/23 yet to be claimed will exceed £10,000

In the current economic environment, we need to maximize all income, therefore can I encourage those who pay tax and don't currently Gift Aid their donations to do so. It costs nothing and the Church benefits. For every pound contributed the governments gives us an extra 25p.

If you don't pay tax and currently donate via your bank or envelope scheme, it is better that you place your donation on the collection plate in cash. I can then claim Gift Aid on it.

Ask me or any of the stewards for a form.

Tom Parker – Gift Aid Secretary

- Young at Heart outing

Young at Heart are running a coach trip to Norwich on Monday 15th May. Cost is £15, leaving Haverhill bus station at 9.00am and leaving Norwich at 4pm. If you would like a seat on the coach please see Janet or Mick

- Advance Diary Dates To Note

Meadows care Home Services 16th April and 14th May

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

26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Archibald
	2.30pm	Salvation Army Songs of Praise to celebrate their 130 th Church Anniversary – All are invited!
	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
April		
1 st	1pm	Marriage of Emma Gleave & Joseph Hanford (RoLCC)
2 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Palm Sunday – All Age Worship 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
9 th	8am	Easter Morning Holy Communion
	9am approx	Easter Breakfast - please sign up in the foyer
	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Easter Sunday All Age service Remember to bring a few flowers to decorate the Cross Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Easter Church Flowers
11 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
12 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	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Easter Church Flowers
	3pm	Service at the Meadows Care Home – meet in foyer 2.45pm
17 th	8.45-11am	One Life Suffolk
18 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
19 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!