

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”*

*Jeremiah 17:7-9*

**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.

There will be a 'whole church' prayer meeting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in church, to pray about our stationing situation. All are invited to come along and join in. You don't have to pray out loud, God hears silent prayers just as well as spoken ones! This is a matter that affects us all, please come if you can.

- Pray 2-3

At our All Age Service on Sun 7th May we will be distributing postcards in relation to our District's Pray 2-3 initiative. All will be revealed on the day!

Claire Waller

- Coronation Big Community Lunch on the Rec

We have been invited by Mayor Bruce Davidson, as a congregation, to join in with the Coronation Big Lunch on the Rec on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30 – 4pm. You will need to bring your own lunch plus any chairs/tables/blankets you are likely to need.

Further details are on the poster attached with this email.

Refreshments after our morning service on May 7th will be served as usual.

- Funeral of Terry Swallow

Terry Swallow's funeral will take place on Friday 12th May at 2pm in our church followed by refreshments served in the church hall. The service will be followed by burial at Haverhill cemetery.

Donations received in memory of Terry will be for our Next Door Cafe. (Any cheques payable to 'Next Door Haverhill Methodist Church')

- Young at Heart outing- change of date

Trip to Norwich, due to lack of numbers I've had to cancel the trip to Norwich on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Felix coaches have offered us 20 seats on their trip to Norwich on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> – if you would like to come please let me know asap as I have to let the coach company know. Cost £14. Janet

- Thinking about Church Membership?

There will be an opportunity to be welcomed into church membership on Pentecost Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

If you are interested, and would like to explore it further, please contact Peter.

- **Date for your diary – The Goodhall's farewell service**

Peter's farewell service will take place in our church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am.

Peter will then take annual leave until their move to Jersey sometime towards the end of July or beginning of August.

- **Prayer Diary**

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

May

- 6 King Charles III Coronation
- 7 All Age worship followed by Coronation Big Community Lunch on the Rec with music and games
- 11 Church Council /Circuit meeting
- 11 Afternoon Concert at St. Mary's with Veterans Brass
- 14 Afternoon Service at The Meadows
- 28 Pentecost Sunday

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 and as they explore the possibility of selling the manse and purchasing a more suitable property.

*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 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. Ask the Lord to bless this important and well received work especially as it is proposed to extend the opening hours in June. 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

Meadows care Home Service 14<sup>th</sup> May

King's Coronation Weekend – 6/7 May – Coronation Big Lunch on the Rec – Sunday 7 May 12.30-4pm

Open Mind will be meeting once a month from the 5<sup>th</sup> June on a Monday evening 7–9.30

Peter's farewell service Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

