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Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

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.

- Pentecost Sunday 28th May

We shall be welcoming into church membership Sarah & Josh Hembry, Gill Jones, Dino & Jo Sailes, Margaret Taylor and Tony and Peace Uriemu.

The service will include the baptisms of Sarah and Josh's children Afuah and Hope Elizabeth.

We pray God's blessing on each as they each take their next step of faith and commitment.

Join us for this special time of worship and welcome, directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

- Meeting about Frailty 30th May, 3pm

We have received the invitation below via HDCT, please make contact with the organiser if you are interested.

As part of the West Suffolk Alliance I am excited to offer you a session with a healthcare professional to provide an overview around frailty and what can be done to help. There will be a short presentation, then we can have a discussion about how the VCFSE community can work together to help the people they engage with.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/case studies prior to the session to see if we can help meet your needs as I know time is precious. (alice.sim@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk)

Please pass the invite on, the more people we can reach with this information the more we can help 😊

Following the call, we will provide support documentation and opportunities for additional training.

Kind regards,

Alice

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 394 970 117 19

Passcode: 3tV22M

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- Whole Church Prayer Meeting

There will be a prayer meeting for anyone and everyone on the first Saturday in June, 3rd June. Please come along to pray for all things to do with our church – our future, our finances, our people.

- Bring & Share Lunch

The next Bring & Share Lunch will be held on Sunday 4th June following the morning service.

This is a time for us all to gather and share fellowship and food together. Please bring some food that can be shared among us. If bringing hot food, can we ask that it is brought already cooked and just needs reheating before serving. You don't have to bring hot food, cold food, ie. salads, bread, etc are suitable too. Please do join us as we share in fellowship together.

- Open Mind



Open Mind is opening an evening session starting from

Monday 5th June 2023

7.30pm-9pm

Haverhill Methodist Church Hall

First Monday of every month

A safe, supportive and confidential space for clients to talk through their mental health concerns fully.

For further information please email openmindinfo8@gmail.com



**Established local Mental Health
FREE drop in service**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10-12pm

Haverhill Methodist Church Hall

**All clients are seen individually
NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**

Fully trained & DBS checked volunteers including counsellors and an Independent Mental Health Advocate.

Support to explore clients own situations and help them to plan their own unique pathway back to improved mental health.

Open Mind video:

<https://bit.ly/42S3ARc>

- Gravetalk - Have you thought about...?

For those with questions about death and dying having someone to talk to can often be invaluable – but how do you start those conversations?

In this taster session, we will look at life, death, society, funerals and grief. In essence, it is learning through exploring, experiences, thoughts and expectations. It is knowing ourselves to enable, equip and encourage others to have difficult conversations.

This GraveTalk session takes place on Friday, 9 June, from 10.30am – midday at Haverhill Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome. For more information and to book for this session, please email gravetalk@stnh.org.uk or simply turn up, or speak to Janet.

- Imogen Tappin's dedication

We look forward to baby Imogen Tappin's dedication during our morning service on Sunday 18th June.

We pray God's blessing on Paula and Jack and the family as they prepare for this special day.

- Book of remembrance

On the church communion table is a book of remembrance of loved ones who have died.

The book is a yearly diary.

The names of loved ones are recorded on the relevant page, along with the year of their death.

Each Sunday, the book is opened to show the current day's date.

The book needs updating.

If you or someone you know has calligraphy skills so that more names can be added now and in the future, please speak to Peter.

Also, if you would like a name or names recorded in the book of remembrance please write down the name/s and date/s and give them to Peter. Thank you.

- Church Finances

A number of members of our congregation have commented on the fact that they are not sure how our church finances work. So, I thought it might be useful to give you a breakdown of our income and expenses.

Our Annual income is derived from three main Sources:

1. Monthly Standing orders and weekly collections	£52,500	66%
2. Renting out or premises	£15,750	20%
3. Tax refunds from Gift Aid	<u>£11,000</u>	14%
Total Income	<u>£79,250</u>	

From this we have to pay into our circuit funds:

Stipend	£40,200	67%
District Assessment	£11,350	19%
Council Tax	£2,600	4.5%
Water Rates	£680	1%
Manse repairs	£1,000	1.75%
Telephone	£650	1.25%
Insurance	£660	1.5%
Ministers Travel Fund	<u>£2,300</u>	4%
	<u>£59,440</u>	

We contribute annually to our tithing fund £4,800

We also have to meet our church running costs which currently stand annually at £35,000

Summary

Total Income	£79,250
Circuit expenses	£59,440
Tithing fund	£4,800
Church running Costs	<u>£35,000</u>
	<u>£99,240</u>

Projected deficit **£19,990**

The current shortfall is being met from reserves.

- Some questions and answers for our church

What is changing?

Peter's appointment as church minister will soon be completed and he has been appointed to serve in the Jersey Circuit in the Channel Islands District.

Why is Peter moving on?

The Methodist ministry is a travelling ministry. Peter is moving on to his fifth Circuit appointment in twenty three years as a minister.

When will Peter move?

Peter's final Sunday morning service is on Sunday 16th July. He will take annual leave and then move sometime at the end of July or beginning of August and begin his new appointment on 1st September.

What about Peter's family?

With James and Sally now both adults, they are making decisions about their futures, which may or may not be in Jersey.

For certain, Peter and Jo will be making their home in Jersey and James and Sally are fully supportive of the move.

Who will be replacing Peter as church minister?

At the moment our vacancy has not been filled. This is due to a shortage of ministers and a lack of ministers willing to serve in East Anglia this year.

Will we be without a minister?

If the vacancy is not filled, an existing Superintendent from within the East Anglia District will be appointed as a 'Titular Superintendent' from September 1st.

This is something our church has experienced before, prior to Peter's appointment.

Conversations about a possible Titular Superintendent are already taking place, should one be required.

They would have oversight of our church, along with their existing responsibilities, so their contribution would look different from Peter's.

A Titular Superintendent would work closely with our Stewards to ensure continuity in good church order, good communication and good pastoral care.

Ministry cover for the period of July 17th to September 1st will also be arranged.

When will we have a new minister?

The Methodist Conference meets 22-29 June and finalises the appointments of ministers for September. If our vacancy is not filled, then the Titular Superintendent will be appointed.

We will then enter the 'stationing' process for finding a new minister, for appointments beginning in September 2024. There are no guarantees, but there will be a new selection of ministers on the move.

What about future Sunday Services?

We are blessed and thankful to have a team of preachers who will continue to lead our worship, complemented by visiting preachers.

A preaching plan for September to November will be put in place over the summer.

What can I do?

At this time of change and uncertainty we might experience feelings of sadness, worry, concern, confusion and more, for ourselves and our church.

This is natural and okay. Talking about it is important. Talk to others. If you have a question or concern, talk to Peter or one of our Stewards and they will be pleased to listen and respond.

And talk it over with God in prayer. Pray into this time of change. Pray together. Watch out for more church Prayer Meetings and attend if you can.

Going forward it will be important for us as a church to remain positive, to keep calm and carry on trusting, serving, worshipping and witnessing, just as we are now.

We need to stay in fellowship and unity with one another.

Take heart, things will change but much will remain the same.

Continue coming to church. Your presence and contribution are important.

God is faithful and will see us through.

Prayer Diary

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

June

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| 4 | “Bring ‘n’ share” Lunch |
| 5 | Open Mind – Evening session |
| 9 | Gravetalk meeting with St. Nicholas Hospice |
| 15 | Young at Heart trip to Norwich |
| 17 | Wedding of Angela Buchan and Derek Wright |
| 18 | Dedication of Imogen Tappin |
| 22/29 | Methodist conference meets |

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 – We give thanks for our Stationing Committee and pray for them as they continue to serve our Church.

Worship Band – Give thanks for those who lead our worship each Sunday through music. Please pray for more musicians to come forward to join the band.

Sunday Club – More leaders and helpers 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.

Reach – Please pray for all those involved in the work of Reach as it tries to alleviate the suffering of so many at this time of financial challenge.

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 Notice

Wedding of Angela Buchan & Derek Wright Saturday 17th June 2pm

Wedding of Emma Manktelow and Danny Farrant Saturday 8th July
3pm

The Goodhall's farewell service

Peter's farewell service will take place in our church on Sunday 16th
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.

*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

May		
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter - Pentecost – including the welcoming of new members Flowers: Mrs H Curtis Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
30 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
	3pm	Online meeting re Frailty – see article above
31 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
June		
3 rd	9am	Whole church prayer meeting, in church, for everyone
4 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter All Age Worship – followed by Bring & Share lunch Flowers: Mrs M Insole Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
5 th	7-9.30pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
6 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
7 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!
9 th	10.30am-12	Gravetalk Meeting with St Nicholas Hospice in Church Hall
11 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Mrs D Letcher Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
13 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
	All day	Young at Heart trip to Norwich
14 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
17 th	2pm	Wedding of Angela Buchan & Derek Wright
18 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – including dedication of Imogen Tappin Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mrs A Proctor
20 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
21 st	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!
25 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion Flowers: Mrs T Creasy Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
27 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
28 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!