

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

*Joshua 1:9*

**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.

- Gravetalk - Have you thought about...?

This GraveTalk session takes place on **Friday, 9 June, from 10.30am – midday** in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

For more information and to book for this session, please email [gravetalk@stnh.org.uk](mailto:gravetalk@stnh.org.uk) or simply turn up, or speak to Janet.

- Service at the Meadows Care Home

Peter will be leading a service at the Meadows care home from 3pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. If you wish to support this please meet in the Meadows foyer at 2.45pm.

- Jack & Paula

Further to Paula and Jack's recent prayer request, they would really appreciate any offers of meals for their family.

It would really help them at this time of Jack's limited mobility.

If you are able to support them in this way, Pat Shanks is kindly organising a rota for meals.

You can contact Pat by phone on (01440) 762198 or by email [pat.shanks39@gmail.com](mailto:pat.shanks39@gmail.com)

Thank you for your care.

- Threads through Creation exhibition

Some of you will have seen this exhibition at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, if you missed it there or would like to see it again, it will be at Ely Cathedral from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> July – see poster attached to this email.

- 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.

- Messy Church Beach Party – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 4-6pm

**Come and join our Beach Party!**

A free event for all the family.  
Fun, games, arts and crafts, food!

Haverhill Methodist Church Hall  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 4-6pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult  
(Activities are mainly aimed at Primary age/pre-school)

**For more information or to book email:**  
[HMCmessychurch@gmail.com](mailto:HMCmessychurch@gmail.com)

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Sunday Club would be very grateful for any donations of seat pads (like you would have on garden chairs).

For our next messy church we would also appreciate any donations of small shells, gem pebbles or similar beach decorations suitable for crafts.

Thank you

Claire

- Piano Exams

There will be piano exams taking place in the church, vestry & coffee lounge from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please DO NOT ENTER these areas and be mindful of any noise in the vicinity – including the car park.

- Haverhill Singers Summer Concert

Haverhill Singers will be giving a concert at HMC on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm.

We will be celebrating all things bright and summery and welcoming our new MD Matthew Olyver.

Come and enjoy a selection of the best modern day classic songs such as Gershwin's 'Summertime' and Bill Withers' 'Lovely Day' plus a number of warm and beautiful sacred motets.

Be surprised by a lively singing round sung in 13<sup>th</sup> Century English ....or.....be gently rocked by 2 exceptional lullabies written a lot more recently (1982 Lullaby for Lucy and 2004 Seal Lullaby).

Tickets are £10 for adults and FOC for accompanied under 16's with yummy buffet and soft summer punch to follow concert included in the price.

See attached poster for more info and booking details.

- RACE FOR LIFE – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Jacqui Player, Janet Etheridge, Gill Wadeson and Susan Marren are taking part in the Cambridge Race for Life as a team, helping to raise money for cancer research. If you would like to sponsor them, there is a form in the Foyer or you can go onto their Just Giving Facebook Page. Thank You

- Cavell Community Choir Concert in aid of the Garden Fund

The Cavell Community Choir from Steeple Bumpstead will be

performing a concert of show songs on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm here at HMC. Tickets are £5 on the door, including refreshments. See Flyer attached to this email.

- Coffee Rota

I will be producing a new rota in the next few weeks for making refreshments after the service on Sundays. At the moment there are a few people who help who also have other duties on Sunday morning, either as Stewards or Sunday Club helpers. The more volunteers we have the less frequently we each need to serve so can I ask for some new volunteers please? You would be paired with someone who is experienced, so no need to worry about finding your way around the kitchen.

If you think you could join the team please either speak to me on Sunday or call me on 07799 006 239 or email:

[davidandjoyce@live.com](mailto:davidandjoyce@live.com).

Thanks, Joyce Rinaldi

- 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.

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.

- Mission Boxes

Would anyone who has a World Mission Box or Mission in Britain collecting box please let me have them as soon as possible for opening.

Many thanks

Kay

- Preaching Plan

The next printed preaching plan will cover September, October and November.

For the months of July and August, preachers will be named in the Connect diary.

- Have you ever thought about tithing?

Here are a few scriptures on the topic of financial giving. *'I willingly offer all that I have and am to serve you, as and when you choose'* These are the words spoken out by us as individuals and together as a body of believers when we renew our part in God's covenant in the New Year.

Financial giving is an important part of our discipleship – we see this in the early church.

**Acts 2: 42-47** and **Acts 4:32-37** shows us this.

We are called to give not out of conscience, but out of a disciple's heart and mind in response to God's ongoing love and provision.

**2 Corinthians 9: 6-8**

Tithing is a Biblical principle that pre-dates Old Testament Law.

**Genesis 14: 17-20**

By tithing we will be deepening our trust in God and His provision for all our daily needs.

**Malachi 3: 6-10**

We may follow a pattern preached and taught by John Wesley. In his sermon 'The use of money' he urged,

*"gain all you can, save all you can and give all you can."*

However, his emphasis was on 'GIVE all you can'.

He said, *"Do not limit yourself to a proportion. Do not give a tenth or even half of what He already owns, but give all that is His by using your wealth to preserve yourself and your family, the church of God and the rest of humanity."*

We aim to become a more visible church.

As finances flow in, a flood of good things should happen as a result. There is a world of need for us to respond to.

**Acts 4: 32-37** shows a picture of the church as a new community of love, built on a shared life together.

They were one in heart and mind. (v.32)

They shared everything they had. (v.32)

There were no needy persons among them. (v.34)

(Christian giving is as much about receiving as it is giving!)

They were held in high regard by the wider community. They were getting noticed for the RIGHT reasons!

**(Acts 2:47)**

### **Seeing the church as the STOREHOUSE. Malachi 3: 10**

These days the church is most often regarded as feeble or of no relevance to society. Yet God intends the church to be seen as the obvious source of blessing – in both the spiritual and physical realms.

### **Giving should not be threatening but thrilling!**

As someone once said,  
**we should give God what's right, not what's left!**

If you would like to read R T Kendall's book 'Tithing' Kathy has a copy to lend.

If you would like to give to our church financially through a standing order please speak to our church treasurer Dave Rinaldi and he will give you a form.

- Who's who?

I am still trying to get together a 'Who's who?' noticeboard of photographs of our church congregation. It's a real help when you're not sure who you've been speaking to, or what the person you need to talk to looks like – especially with so many new faces. *If you haven't done so already*, please send a simple head & shoulders selfie to [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com) Couples, please could I have a photo of the two of you together. No children please. None of this will go online, it is just for the noticeboard.

If you would like me to take your photo, please speak to me on a Sunday morning.

Thanks,

Kathy

- 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 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.

*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

<b>June</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12	Gravetalk Meeting with St Nicholas Hospice in Church Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell      Flowers: Mrs D Letcher Peter is preaching at Trinity, Bury St Edmunds Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	3pm	Service at Meadows Care Home, meet 2.45pm in the foyer
13 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
	All day	Young at Heart trip to Norwich
14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Wedding of Angela Buchan & Derek Wright
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – including dedication of Imogen Tappin Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge Flowers: Mrs A Proctor
20 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
21 <sup>st</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!
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion      Flowers: Mrs T Creasy Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
	4-6pm	Messy Church Beach Party
26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Piano exams in church, vestry & coffee lounge – do not enter
27 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
28 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
<b>July</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Haverhill Singers Concert – see poster
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship – may be on the Rec at 10am further details when known
	all day	Jacqui, Janet, Gill & Susan doing the Cambridge Race for Life
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
5 <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!
8 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Wedding of Emma Manktelow & Danny Farrant
9 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Preacher: Peter      Flowers: Mrs & Mrs T Parker Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
11 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Farewell service      Flowers: Mrs C Guilfoyle Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge