

# GOD LOVES YOU!



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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

**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.

Ministerial Oversight 17th July - 1st September  
Reverend Andrew King - Deputy Chair of District  
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- 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.

- Funeral – Anne's Mum

The funeral of Anne Goodchild's mother Sidella is to be held in our church on Wednesday 26th July at 2.15pm followed by refreshments served in the church hall. The service will be led by Peter. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Open Mind -meaningful support

Hello everyone, I would be grateful for prayers please for this Haverhill Methodist Church mental health project.

Our Weds morning sessions are now routinely and consistently busy. As an example last Weds we saw 12 clients, each person receiving on average 40 mins 1:1 care and attention. We need to be considering increasing our volunteer workforce. We currently have 19 volunteers but we would benefit from a couple more ideally. In particular we would welcome male volunteers of any age. Some of our male clients prefer talking to other men.

Please can you pray for God to provide us with more volunteers once again, our trust in Him is implicit, He has always provided.

If you think that you might be able to help or know of someone else who might please contact me either at church one Sunday or use my email, thank you and God bless,

Charmaine

Team Leader of Open Mind - meaningful support

Pioneer at Haverhill Methodist Church

[charmainslade57@gmail.com](mailto:charmainslade57@gmail.com)

- Race for Life

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us together we raised £539.00 (plus any Gift aid). Janet, Gill, Susan and Jacqui

- Young at Heart – summer break

Our last meeting will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – we will then restart on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

- Music Group

It has been an absolute privilege to lead the music group since 2017 and I thank each member for their participation; I thank them for their time, effort and service that they have given in order to help lead our congregation in sung worship each Sunday.

We are reminded throughout the Bible to praise God at all times, through good times and bad, times of sorrow and joy, whether we feel like doing so or not - and I believe our Church has continued to do this despite the difficult times we have found ourselves in. Praising God is what we are made to do and when we worship our priorities are put right - our focus is on God alone and all other things fall into their rightful place. There are many ways to worship through different styles of songs & hymns and hopefully we have a good balance here at Haverhill Methodist Church of what people like to sing... but of course we cannot sing everyone's favourite song each week!! So let's continue to embrace the familiar & the new as we worship together.

There is always opportunity for new members to join the group. We were reminded last week by Peter to make sure we use our gifts - so if there is anyone who sings, plays an instrument (especially if you play the piano!) please do come forward. At the moment due to holidays & other commitments, we may not be able to provide a music group for each Sunday in the month so the use of music videos will be used occasionally - it will be the same as when we came back to worshipping together after the Lockdowns but this time we will be able to sing along!

I am very pleased to let you know that Derek Marren has agreed to take on co-ordinating the group after I leave and I know you will all be in very capable hands. But let's continue to pray for God to bring more musicians to our Church so that the load can be spread a bit wider; there is music practice (normally on a Wednesday) and then the group meets at 9.30am each Sunday so it would be lovely to have more people in the group so that music responsibility does not fall to the same people each week.

Thank you everyone for your support & encouragement along the way - and I am sorry for all the times when I have started a song too high, too low, too fast too slow!!... I am not a professional singer or

musician, I'm just someone who LOVES to worship God through song! So take care all and keep praising.

Jo

'Because Your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify You.  
I will praise You as long as I live,  
and in Your name I will lift up my hands.'

Psalm 63:3-4

- Looking back, looking forward – A closing message from Peter

At my welcome service on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 I read these words from 1st Corinthians Chapter 3 verses 10-11

'According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it'. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

As I prepare to leave Haverhill and take up my next appointment in Jersey I give thanks for all the ways God has been building His church. Together we have been partners with God in building on the firm foundations of our ancestors in the faith. I thank each and every one of you for your unfailing support, love and care.

Endings and goodbyes are difficult.

Yet we can celebrate endings for they can be the seeds of new beginnings.

In the uncertainty of the future we trust the goodness and mercy of God that follows us all the days of our lives. We are helped to place our whole trust in God – knowing that God will supply all our needs and will never leave us or forsake us. God's love will carry us through.

As you build together for the future, may you be guided by the Holy Spirit, so that you will build wisely, straight and true, building on the sure foundation of Jesus Christ our rock and our Redeemer.

I will continue to hold you in my heart and my prayers, along with the Reverend Andy Burrows who will be your titular Superintendent from September 1st.

God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

I close with this prayer from The Methodist Church Handbook:

Lord of the beginning, Lord of the end,  
Help us to know your presence in the last things,  
The end page, the finished article, the closing remarks,  
The final flourish, the dying notes, the gentle goodnight.  
Above all help us to live our lives so totally in your presence, that  
our beginnings and our endings become the same thing.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, the first and the last, Amen.

Peter & Jo's new address from 9<sup>th</sup> August:

Les Pipots  
Le Clos Du Hamptonne,  
Les Petites Rues,  
St. Lawrence.  
Jersey.  
JE3 1FD

Telephone (01534) 743933

## *Concert of Show Songs*

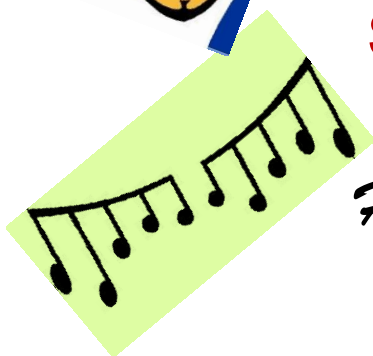
*with the Cavell Community Choir  
from Steeple Bumpstead*

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
@7.30pm**

*Haverhill Methodist Church  
Camps Road*

**Tickets on the door: £5 including refreshments**

*Raising funds for our garden refurbishment*



**Come and enjoy coffee & cake  
in aid of church garden projects**



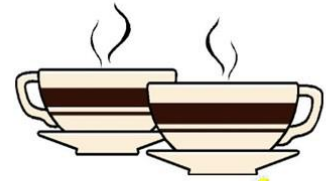
**at Pineview  
Taylors Farm Road  
Kedington GB9 7QU  
(home of Linda Arrowsmith 07748 921631)**



**From 10am – 2pm**

**on**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**



- Dates for your Diary

<b>July</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Farewell service followed by farewell lunch Flowers: Mrs C Guilfoyle Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
18 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls – with Holy Communion - including the Golden Wedding Anniversary Blessing of Linda & Ron Walker Flowers: Mrs B Wadsworth Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
26 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	2.15pm	Funeral of Sidella Goodchild, Anne’s Mum followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome to attend.
29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Cavell Choir Concert in aid of church garden (see flyer)
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: David Frost Flowers: Vacant Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
<b>August</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade – All Age Worship Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-9pm	Open Mind in the Church Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Coffee Lounge (or in your own home)
9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-2pm	Coffee & Cake @ Linda’s in aid of the garden fund (see flyer)
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Henry Wilson Prayer time from 10am in the church lounge
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