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*You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.*

Psalm 119:114

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. The link is <https://haverhillchurchestogether.wordpress.com/prayer-requests/>

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- Coffee Time following Sunday Services

As life begins to settle into a new routine, we are planning to return to our social time in the hall following Sunday services. We hope to begin from the first Sunday in September which will be 5th.

I am therefore preparing a new rota of helpers to make and serve the drinks.

If you helped in the past and are able to do so again, or if you would like to become part of the team for the future, please speak to me or one of the Stewards in the next couple of weeks.

Don't worry if you have never done anything like this in the past, full support and training will be given.

Thanks, in anticipation.

Joyce

- Faithtime

Reminder please articles to David Frost by evening of Sunday 22nd August. davidjafrost@gmail.com 01440 422219

- Sunday Club Anniversary 5th September 2021 10.30am

We look forward to welcoming you to church on 5th September for our special service led by Peter and the Sunday Club children and leaders.

Come and hear what the children have learned about the parables of Jesus this summer.

There will be the usual presentations to the children, followed by anniversary cake and refreshments in the church hall, plus a bring-your-own picnic on the Rec afterwards.

Everyone is invited. Please continue to pray about the need for more Sunday Club leaders.

- Baptisms of Jack Somers and baby James Somers

A special service will take place in church at 3.30pm on Sunday 19th September followed by afternoon tea in the church hall.

The timing of the service is to ensure there is enough room for family members to attend.

If you would like to support Jack, Natalie and James there will be room for some of our church family to attend.

To attend the service, please email Jack at

jack123atkinson@outlook.com so that numbers can be managed.

We pray God's blessing on Jack and Natalie and James as they make this step of faith. We give thanks God directed them to our church.

- Sponsored Ride & Stride – Saturday 11th September 2021

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride sponsored bike ride/walk/scooter ride/horse ride takes place on Saturday 11th September 2021.

Sponsorship income is shared equally between the Historic Churches Trust and the rider's nominated church.

We are still looking for 'recorders' to welcome riders to our church and complete their sponsor forms. Also for volunteer riders, walkers and sponsors.

Please contact us if you are able to do an hour or two as a recorder or require sponsor forms.

Sandra and John Loader

- Britten Family Ride & Stride

We have set up a 'Just Giving' page for anyone who wishes to sponsor us for the 'Ride & Stride' on 11th September.

It's here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abi-britten>



- Young at Heart

NEW!!

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We are planning on starting an afternoon social group in the church hall. This group will be open to anyone, not just church members, but anyone who would like to come along. The way we see this developing is there will be things for people to do, craft, table games, knitting, or just sitting down and enjoying a chat. This group will be run on Wednesdays, 1.00 – 3.00pm in the Hall **beginning on 8th September**. You don't have to come for the whole 2 hours, just pop in and out as you wish. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available for a small suggested donation of £1. We hope this group could be something that everyone could come along to and just enjoy a few hours together, especially after the year we have all had. If anyone has any games or crafts they would like to bring along, that would be good. Further information from Janet or Mick.

Thanks
Janet

- Church Café News

We have returned the café to the Next Door Cottage.

We are open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30. until 12.30. We would like to extend the number of days but that is entirely due to the numbers of volunteers available. If you feel that the Lord could use you in this work, please speak to Peter or any of the Leadership Team.

Next Door lending library.

Are you aware that in Next Door we not only sell bibles, a few books and cards, but we also have a large lending library of books? A few years ago a lovely Christian lady, Karen Hurrell from Steeple Bumpstead, had a tragic accident whilst on holiday and died. Cham was very friendly with Karen and she had the opportunity of receiving her large library of Christian books and a few CD's.

These are in Next Door available to anyone. If you are interested in borrowing any of these please put your name in the book; the title and date when borrowed and returned.

Please come and browse as there are many different books there. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.30 – 12.30 pm.

Many thanks
Next Door Team

- Flint Wall Repair

I'm pleased to report that Robert Foster started repairing the flint wall on Tuesday 3rd August.

Please take great care in the car park while this work is going on.
John

- Church Car Parking

Haverhill ambulance station is once again hosting training sessions for updates on covid related training starting from July 2021. The training sessions will be only on a Wednesday and Thursday each week for 8 staff and 2 instructors.

There is currently only enough parking for operational staff at Haverhill ambulance station so we have agreed they can use our church car park as an overflow.

This may mean a shortage of parking space on these days so we will monitor the situation and may need to limit their access if

difficulties arise.

We apologise for any temporary inconvenience this may cause you. Please let me know if there is a serious problem.

Thanks for your understanding,
John Loader

- REACH needs volunteers!

HELP NEEDED!

Want to help support local families in need?

REACH is urgently in need of volunteers to help in the following roles:

- Foodbank Volunteers – managing donated stock and packing emergency food boxes at the warehouse
- Client Support Volunteer – assisting with issuing food and providing support to people in need at our Resource Centre

We'd love for you to come and join our REACH family – so if you fancy getting involved, click ['Find Out More Now!'](#)

(If you know someone else who you think would be interested, please pass this information on to them.)

- Foodbank Shopping List
 - Sponge Puddings (non-refrigerated)
 - Coffee (small jars)
 - Men's & Women's deodorant
 - Tinned potatoes
 - Custard
 - Sugar
 - Shampoo

- Dates to remember:

20 th	9pm-12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
21 st	3-6pm	Sarah’s 50 th Birthday Party – see emailed invitation
Sun 22 nd	10.30am	Preacher: Peter (HC) Flowers: Mrs K Smith
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
23 rd	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout- contact Sonja: sonjathiessen1@gmail.com
24 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
27 th	9pm-12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 29 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Mr & Mrs R Arrowsmith
30 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
31 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
September		
Sun 5 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Sunday Club Anniversay Flowers: Mrs P Hall
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
6 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
7 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
8 th	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
10 th	9pm-12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 12 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: vacant – could it be you?
13 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
14 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
15 th	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
18 th	All Day	Synod – please pray for all the business to be God-centred
Sun 19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs G Bowers
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
20 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
21 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
22 nd	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
24 th	9pm-12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mr & Mrs D Payne
27 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
28 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
29 th	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com or handed directly to Kathy. Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.