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*In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?*

Psalm 56:4

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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- Service of Thanksgiving for Roger Arrowsmith

Linda and family would like to invite you to a service of thanksgiving for Roger's life to be held at Haverhill Methodist Church on Thursday 9th September at 2pm.

The family also invite you to stay for a buffet tea served in the church hall afterwards.

The service in church will follow a private cremation attended by Roger's family in the morning.

- Come and Sing

Hello everyone!

Do you enjoy singing? Then come along to the Come and Sing group!

When? Sundays from 6:30 pm till 7:30 pm

Where? In the church

We have to wear face masks while singing or a face shield if you have respiratory issues.

Give it a go and come along! I hope to see you Sunday!
Sonja

- Church Coffee Duty Rota

I have prepared a new coffee rota (below) as far as I am able. As you can see there are lots of gaps it would be great if we could find volunteers to fill in gaps.

Please contact me if you think you could be involved.

Thanks,

Joyce

5 th September	Janet and Mick
11 th September	Pat and Ray
19 th September	Joyce and David
26 th September	Sandra and John
3 rd October	Harvest Lunch
10 th October	
17 th October	
24 th October	
31 st October	
7 th November	Janet and Mick
14 th November	Pat and Ray
21 st November	Joyce and David
28 th November	Sandra and John
5 th December	
12 th December	
19 th December	

- 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.

- Britten Family Ride & Stride – UPDATE!!

We thought you might be interested to know that as a family we are being interviewed on BBC radio Suffolk at about 7.20am on Sunday (5th) to talk about the Suffolk Historic Churches cycle ride. We are helping to promote the event for families and talking about the photography competition we won last year.
Best wishes, Abi

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>

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Abigail Britten
Britten family churches cycle ride 2021
Fundraising for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

- Young at Heart

NEW!!

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We are 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

- 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.

- Have you got...

...any spare crochet hooks you could let Janet have? Neded for craft activities. If so, please contact Janet directly.

- Foodbank Shopping List

- Sponge Puddings (non-refrgerated)
- Coffee (small jars)
- Chocolates & treats
- Tinned potatoes
- Custard
- Sugar
- Shampoo



- **HARVEST LUNCH**

Our harvest lunch will take place on 3rd October and will be in the form of a bring and share meal.

If you are planning to come could you please let either Mick Etheridge or myself know what you are planning to bring.

There will be a list in the foyer for people to book in

Looking forward to a great celebration of Harvest time
David Rinaldi

- **MONEY FOR NOTHING**

I'm pleased to announce that I have received from HMRC our Churches Gift Aid refund for tax year 2020/21.

This amounted to £7,983.74. This is for those members of the Church that either contribute via their bank or use the envelope scheme and have signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. A big Thank you for doing this.

The Gift aid for the loose cash placed on the collection plate is refunded separately and hasn't arrived yet. In a normal year this would also be a good amount, but because of the limited number of services and the shift to more donations via bank accounts, this will only amount to about £200.

Can I encourage those who pay tax and can Gift Aid their donations to do so. It costs nothing and the Church benefits. For every pound contributed the government gives us an extra 25p.

Ask me or any of the stewards for a form.

Tom Parker – Church Treasurer

- A message from Bryan & Jenny Ellicott

To our Christian friends at Haverhill Methodist Church -

Just to let you know that we are moving to be nearer our daughter and Jenny's brother and Sister in law on the 31st August. We will be living in Cottenham.

We have found life very difficult, as have so many, these last two years, being away from our family and relations. We have both increasingly found it difficult to walk and garden, arthritis has really set into knees and for Bryan his hip also. So we wanted to live somewhere where we had help nearby and our new home is a bungalow so no stairs to contend with.

We look back over the years spent in the Methodist Church here in Haverhill, and in the Haverhill Circuit as it was. A busy time with several small village chapels who had services every Sunday, some two, afternoon and evening. Bryan served as a Local Preacher for many years, starting under the care of Rev Rose. He was also Circuit Steward when Rev Perry Hughes was minister and was involved with the planning of Next Door. We both helped to run the chapel at Horseheath, taking over the offices from Mr Tabram, and running the Sunday School there for many years. I played the organ too for 30 years, it was a busy and happy time being involved and helping those who needed us.

When the elderly congregation were unable to meet, and my parents passed on, the chapel closed. For a few years we attended the URC church at Castle Camps where again Bryan got involved with taking services and I was on the organ rota. We returned then to Haverhill Methodist and until Covid interrupted life we were able to join again with you all.

So with many happy, and a few sad, memories we are moving on, we will still be in touch with some friends, some we have known all our time in Haverhill. We will let you have our address and telephone number when it is available.

So we pray God's blessing on you all, thank you for those who have been friends for many years.

Bryan and Jenny Ellicott

- Dates to remember:

September		
3 rd	9pm-12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 5 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Sunday Club Anniversary Flowers: Mrs P Hall
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
6 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout- contact Sonja: sonjathiessen1@gmail.com
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?
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
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!
17 th	9-12pm	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
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
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
		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
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
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!
October		
1 st	9-12pm	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 3 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Harvest Festival
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
4 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
5 th	11am - 12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
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