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*I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.
Psalm 119:14,114*

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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- Funeral Services

Service of thanksgiving for the life of Joan Symonds to take place in our church on Wednesday 22 September at 1.15pm.
(following cremation earlier that day)

Funeral service for Anne Walpole to take place in our church on Wednesday 29th September at 11.30am.

Service of thanksgiving for the life of Daphne Smith to take place in our church on Tuesday 12th October at 1.30pm
(following a private cremation on Monday 20th September) The time delay is because of their family commitments.
The service in church will be followed by a buffet tea in the church hall afterwards.

- Coordinator needed for Christmas Shoebox appeal

Our shoebox appeal will go ahead this autumn and Christmas.

This year our church stewards have agreed that the shoeboxes will be distributed through the charity Link To Hope.

They are a Christian charity which minister to the poor and marginalised of Eastern Europe.

You can find out more here: www.linktohope.co.uk

Kathy is stepping down from the role of shoebox appeal coordinator after many years, and we thank Kathy for her devoted service in this area.

We are looking for a new coordinator whose role will include registering with Link To Hope, receiving printed publicity material to make available to our church, promoting the appeal in church and arranging delivery of the filled shoeboxes to our nearest Link to Hope representative in Sudbury. (Help can be arranged with this delivery)

If you feel this is something you would like to do, please get in touch with me.

Details will then follow on what can and can't be included in the shoeboxes.

Please note that Link to Hope do Family and Elderly shoeboxes, as they believe that everyone deserves a present at Christmas, so the range of items needed will be greater than children's items. If you would like your shoebox to support Samaritan's Purse, then they will need to be handed in to one of their drop off points.

We know our shoebox appeal will make a big difference to many this Christmas. They are given with love and received with gratitude.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Peter Goodhall

- 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.

- Britten Family Ride & Stride – This Saturday!!

We have been invited back on BBC radio Suffolk at 7.40am this Sunday to talk about how the ride went.

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>



- Church Coffee Duty Rota

I have prepared a new coffee rota as far as I am able. There are still a number of gaps and it would be great if we could find volunteers to fill them.

Please contact me if you think you could be involved.

Thanks,
Joyce

- Lantern

"The Lantern Cafe are seeking some new volunteers. This is our monthly meeting for adults with learning disabilities who come to experience what it means to be part of the Christian life. In essence they come for an hour of activities, guided chats and home-made cake. It's enormous fun for us all! We are looking for people to join a team, who are there to join in with everything. If you think you might be able to help, why not come along one evening to get an idea? If

you have any questions please do speak to Peter, Sarah or myself, thank you.

Cham

Lay Pioneer

- Young at Heart

We have started 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 run on Wednesdays, 1.00 – 3.00pm in the Hall. 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

- House groups

At least one of the house groups is resuming meetings after the summer break.

Please would leaders let me know details of when, where and who to contact as each group restarts so I can include them in Connect.

Thanks

Kathy

- Foodbank Shopping List

- Sponge Puddings (non-refrigerated)
- 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		
10 th	9pm-12	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
11 th	All day	Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride
Sun 12 th	7.40am	The Britten Family on Radio Suffolk
	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Linda Arrowsmith
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
13 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout- contact Sonja: sonjathiessen1@gmail.com
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 & Lunch
	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)
6 th	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
8 th	9-12pm	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 10 th	10.30am	Preacher: Cham
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
11 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
12 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
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