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Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 97:10

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/>

- Funeral Services

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.

- Harvest Festival celebration

➤ Help with preparations – Saturday 2nd October

Helpers are needed please to prepare the church hall for the Harvest lunch.

If you can help, please come to the church hall Saturday 2nd October at **1pm**.

If you are able to help decorate the church ready for harvest, please meet in the church at **10am** on Saturday 2nd October. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

➤ Harvest Festival Service

You are invited to join us for our all-age Harvest Festival service on Sunday 3rd October at 10.30am.

Your harvest gifts of dry goods for the Haverhill Foodbank will be gratefully received.

If you would like to make a financial harvest gift to REACH Community Projects, these will also be gratefully received.

A bring and share Harvest Lunch will follow. Please add your name to the list in the church entrance

• Complete Foodbank Shopping List for Harvest gifts

- Chocolates & treats
- Cereal
- Coffee
- Custard
- Deodorant (men's & women's)
- Fruit juice (Long life)
- Instant mashed potato
- Jam
- Milk (UHT)
- Noodles
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Rice pudding
- Squash
- Sugar
- Sponge Puddings (non-refrigerated)
- Shampoo
- Tea bags
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables

➤ 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, there is a list in the foyer to book and write down what you are planning to bring.

Looking forward to a great celebration of Harvest time

- Church Seating

The remaining chairs have been placed back in the worship area after worship last Sunday, in readiness for our Harvest Festival service. Consequently, the current distance between rows of seating will be reduced, but it makes for greater capacity going forward. We hope you will continue to feel comfortable and safe in church.

Windows will continue to need to be kept slightly open for ventilation in autumn, so when the weather becomes colder you may wish to wear warm clothing in church.

Face-coverings will continue to be worn for congregational singing at present.

- Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Update with important information

You may remember we were seeking a new coordinator for our Christmas Shoebox appeal supporting the Christian charity Link To Hope.

I am pleased to say that Gill Wadeson who, with her husband Dave we have recently welcomed to our church, has kindly agreed to take on this role.

We thank Gill for doing so. As a church we are now registered with Link To Hope and we shall soon be receiving a parcel of information leaflets and posters to hand out.

A copy of their leaflet is attached with this Connect mailing, so you can get ahead. There are careful instructions to follow about what to include and what not to.

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.

We hope you will enjoy filling a shoebox.

You could get together with another person or family to fill a shoebox, and so spread the cost, if that would be helpful to you.

Once filled, you then seal and wrap your shoebox and it is not checked or have its contents changed later.

Link To Hope deliver the shoeboxes by Christmas Day to the needy in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

This leads to the important matter of deadline day!

Our shoeboxes need to be filled and finished by Sunday 31st October at the latest please.

This is so we can arrange for them to be delivered to the local drop off point in the first week of November.

I realise this is a short window of time, but I am sure we can rise to the challenge.

Details of when and where to bring your filled shoebox will follow, once finalised, and Gill will give a notice about it in church in October.

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

- House groups

Our house group will recommence on Tuesday 28th September 7.30pm at 4 Ganwick Close.

We are all looking forward to meeting again.

Blessings,

Angela Proctor

Please would other 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

- 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

- Dates to remember:

October		
1 st	9-12pm	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
2 nd	10am	Decorating the church for Harvest – volunteers needed
	1pm	Setting up church hall for Harvest Lunch – volunteers needed
Sun 3 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Harvest Festival & Lunch Flowers: Harvest
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
4 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout-contact Sonja: sonjathiessen1@gmail.com
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 Flowers: Mrs P Shanks
	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)
	1.30pm	Thanksgiving service for the life of Daphne Smith
13 th	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
15 th	9-12pm	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 17 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs V Titmarsh
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
18 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
19 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
20 th	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
22 nd	9-12pm	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 24 th	10.30am	Preacher: Vivien Sargeant Flowers: Wednesday Fellowship
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
25 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
26 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
27 th	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
29 th	9-12pm	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
Sun 31 st	10.30am	Preacher: Ian Levett Flowers: Vacant
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime

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.