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*You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.*

Psalm 63:1

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

The funeral service for Andy Letcher will take place in our church on Monday 1st November at 11.30am.

The time delay is because of family commitments.

- Harvest Festival celebration

Many thanks for all the monetary gifts marked for REACH given at the Harvest service. A total of £200 was received and Jo will take this in to the REACH office this week.

- Church Seating

The remaining chairs have been placed back in the worship area. Consequently, the current distance between rows of seating is 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 – Link to Hope

Information leaflets are available in the church foyer: a copy is also attached with this email, 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.

There is also a large plastic box at the back of the church where anyone may contribute a few items to be made up into boxes later.

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

Our shoeboxes need to be filled and finished by Sunday 31st October at the latest please. This is so we can arrange to get

them to the local drop off point in the first week of November.

Please bring your shoeboxes to church on any Sunday in October where they will be stored safely until the 31st when we will bless the boxes and pray for their recipients before they go on their way.

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.

Please speak to Gill Wadeson for more information.

- Thanks

Our thanks to our Friends within the Church and Circuit for all the cards, good wishes and prayers we have received since moving to Cottenham. We are beginning to settle in and enjoying being nearer our family. We have very good neighbours all around and are getting to know them also.

Our good wishes and every blessing to you all, do keep in touch we would love to hear from Haverhill.

Love Bryan and Jenny

- Help needed

1. A volunteer from Open Mind is keen to join us on Sunday mornings but I need help to make this happen. She is paralysed from the waist down and will need the use of a wheelchair on our premises, does anyone have one they no longer need? Please can you contact Jacqueline Stewart or myself if you can help. This lady will also need some support during the service, very specifically she needs a little assistance if she needs to use the bathroom. So I am appealing to the ladies in our congregation who are familiar with simple personal care and vitally have a DBS check in place. I really hope that between us we can facilitate this lady's inclusion. Thank you very much.
2. " Most of our congregation know of Ann Goodchild, who has been attending Sunday services regularly for several years. Until now we have been able to support her with just Sarah Glasswell and myself but it's getting very difficult as we both have additional commitments that mean that sometimes we have no one who can support Ann. Her carer Denise has helped out but she attends another church and quite understandably she needs to go there. We are looking for new helpers to occasionally support Ann during the service. Please do put your hand up if you can help! "

Many thanks

Cham – Lay Pioneer

- 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

