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Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law. I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. I hold fast to your statutes, LORD; do not let me be put to shame.

Psalm 119:29-31

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 Service

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

There will be a video/audio link to the church hall, which will act as an overflow space should it be needed..

- District Prayer Day for Creation ahead of COP26 Summit Saturday 30th October

Online sessions are as follows:

9.30 am Introduction and Opening Prayer

11.30 am Vigil for Creation (30 minutes)

2.00 pm Creation Meditation

4.30 pm Sharing and Prayer (preceded by optional prayer breakout groups at 4 pm)

9.00 pm Creation Night Prayer

Zoom Link to participate:

<https://zoom.us/j/99193009766>

Meeting ID: 991 9300 9766

To join by phone 02034815240

Anyone who would like to join in is very welcome.

- Light Party



- Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Link to Hope

Information leaflets are available in the church foyer. There are careful instructions to follow about what to include and what not to. 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.

There is a 'How to' video here: <https://bit.ly/3lZsb3j>

This is different from previous Op. Christmas Child shoeboxes.

It is because our boxes won't be checked once filled, sealed and wrapped.

You have an extra week to bring your boxes as Peter will now be dedicating the shoeboxes on Sunday 7th November and they will be taken to Clare Baptist Church on Monday 8th November for collection by Link To Hope.

Thank you for your support.

Please speak to Gill Wadeson for more information.

- Service of Remembrance of Loved Ones

Autumn is the season of remembrance.

There will be a Service of Remembrance of Loved Ones on Thursday 11th November at 7pm in our church.

You are invited to come and remember before God loved ones who have died. Names of loved ones will be recorded at the door and during an act of worship we shall read out their names.

There will be the opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

Refreshments will follow. This service is open to everyone. May it be a reminder of the light of God which shines upon all.

- Haverhill Family History Group Presentation

On Thursday 11th November 2021 in the Old Independent Church, Haverhill at 7.30pm the Family History (Haverhill) Group are hosting a presentation given by Sophie Newton, who is going to speak about the important work of the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission**.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission honour and care for the men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars, ensuring they will never be forgotten. Whilst this work is now recognised in over 23,000 locations around the world, its early days were characterised by difficult and often controversial decisions. Sophie Newton, Public Engagement

Coordinator (East) for the Commission, invites you to learn more about how the CWGC helped shape remembrance as we know it and how their work continues to this day.

We will have on display Haverhill's Roll of Honour for those casualties of the First and Second World wars and also the Foreign Airmen who are buried in the Haverhill Cemetery. We also hope to have printed by then, but cannot guarantee, those British airmen that are also buried there.

Members and friends of our congregation are very welcome to attend, for what is sure to be a very interesting evening.

- Music Exams

On Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd November there will be Music Exams in the Church. They will also be using the Vestry & the Coffee Lounge . You **must not** enter the church while these exams are in progress. Keeping noise down in the car park would also be appreciated.

- Toy Service Sunday 5th December 10.30am

Once again you are invited to purchase new toys, which may be sourced in local supermarkets or online, to be given as gifts from our church to local families in need this Christmas.

They are to be brought to church at our morning service on Sunday 5th December please. Our town mayor Liz Smith and her husband will be in attendance.

Please note that **all toys must be brand new and unwrapped** (Social Services instructions) and it would be good if we can cover all ages, from babies to 18 year olds, so that all children in a family are able to be given a gift. We thank Kay Smith for her help in arranging this once again. We pray that many local families in need will be reached and blessed this Christmas. Thank you all for your generosity.

- Beetle Drive and Pudding Evening

There will be a Beetle Drive & Pudding evening on Saturday 11th December from 5pm. More details to follow.

- Pastoral Friends

Our church is blessed with those willing to be a Pastoral Friend to a number of others in our church family.

It is our goal that everyone will be assigned a Pastoral Friend who will pray, share joys and sorrows and offer support in time of need. All our Pastoral Friends will be affirmed and commissioned in our morning service on Sunday 7th November.

We hope as many as possible of our Pastoral Friends can attend.

We need several more Pastoral Friends, especially men. If you can respond, please speak to Peter or Janet. Thank you.

- Church Membership

If you would be interested in exploring Church Membership, please speak to our minister Peter and he would be pleased to have a conversation with you.

- Help needed

" At long last we are able to recommence our mental health support group called Open Mind-meaningful support. It will be running from the church hall, every Weds from 10-12 and we begin on November 10th. We have an almost completely new team of volunteers so please pray for them! We are open to everybody, and as before we will be there to listen well. We welcome everybody of any faith, or none.

Obviously the covid situation is unpredictable and so we may need to adjust our opening dates. This last 18 months has taught us how to turn on a sixpence ! "

"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 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

- Big Christmas Card

There will again be a 'Big Christmas Card' available in the Church foyer during December, for everyone to write their messages to the fellowship. Donations from the money saved by not sending individual cards will be given to the REACH Winter Crisis fund.

- REACH



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Dear Kathy,

Thank you for your Harvest contributions!

A massive thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity this Harvest! Your food donations so far have helped fill our warehouse shelves with 1237.2 kg of food! and your financial donations will go towards helping local families who are struggling to heat their homes this winter.

Thank you again for your amazing support in helping local families who find themselves in crisis. Your support is making a massive difference!

