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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

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/>

- Next Door

Next Door will be open for ½ an hour after each morning service in November to allow those who can't get there during normal opening hours (Tue/Wed/Fri 10-12.30) to browse & make purchases.

Christmas stock is now available (cards, candles, small gifts etc).

Please remember Next Door does not have the facility to take credit/debit cards. You can pay with cash or cheque – please come prepared!

- 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.

- Church Prayer Meeting

The Church Prayer Meeting will meet in the loft next Tuesday 23rd November 11am because of the music exams.

- Funeral

Funeral for Mr John Steer of Haverhill will be held in our church on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 1.30pm.

- 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.

- Delivery of Toy Service toys

If you have a large car and can be available for about an hour early morning

on Monday 6th December would you contact me please.

I am looking for someone to help me transport the toys donated at the Toy Service to Social Services. They need to be delivered to Haverhill House (the former Council offices) near the Library car park. Social Services would like to meet us soon after 8.30am so we would need to meet at the church about 8.15 to load up.

If you are able to help please contact me on 01440 704075.

Many thanks

Kay

- Beetle Drive and Pudding Evening

Saturday 11th December from 5.00pm in the Hall.

We will be holding a Pudding Evening, and invite you to bring along a pudding to share, either homemade or bought. If bringing along a bought one, could you please make sure it is already cooked, we will be able to warm it up in Microwave or Oven, but would prefer not to have to cook it on the evening.

We will also be playing a game of Beetle during the evening. All ages and abilities are welcome. Come along and enjoy a social evening, and enjoy sharing time together.

There is a list at the back of the church for you to put your name on and how many of you intend coming and what pudding you intend bringing.

Further information from Janet or Mick.

- 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.

- Christmas Events

This Christmas, for the first time, we are delighted to be working with all the churches of Haverhill, in creating 2 new community events that are ambitious and hopefully far-reaching. We hope that both become much-loved and much-anticipated events in years to come!

Dec 3rd in the evening

The first event takes place during the late-night Christmas shopping evening on December 3rd. Haverhill Silver Band is combining with Haverhill Singers and St Mary's choir and will be singing from several locations in the High St and Queen St. I hope that people feel enthralled by the familiar carols; we want to inspire the community of Haverhill to join in en-masse!

So I need your help! No surprise I'm sure!

Firstly, please come and lend your voices to the songs. The more singers that we have, the more of a joyful occasion we create. We need volume and enthusiasm!

Secondly I need a lot of people to be there as volunteers as the choir moves through town, to hand out carol sheets. These sheets are doubly-important because they will have details of the

Christmas church services. Please tell me if you can commit for some if not all of the evening?

December 4th at 12.00

The 2nd event is an Outdoor Nativity and Carols parade beginning here at 12 noon at Haverhill Methodist Church, we travel through time as we take part in the Christmas story. We have both a real donkey and Geoffery the camel who is making an appearance on loan from Centre Stage! We begin the story inside our church then we all leave to process down Camps Rd to the Drabbet, where it is very likely there will be no room at the inn!! The nativity story will conclude at a specially designed stable outside St Mary's Church.

We would love children to come in fancy dress and there will be prizes for the best angels, animals, shepherds and wise women and men! If any adults want to dress up, even better! There will be plenty of photo opportunities at our nativity stable.

The nativity story will conclude inside St Mary's Church and refreshments will be provided.

Will you please lend your support, ideally by coming along bringing your whole family, maybe encouraging your neighbours and friends? These are 2 really big and to be honest, quite experimental events and they succeed or fail by the number of people who join in! All the schools will be communicated with and there will be advertising in the paper, on social media and (hot off the press!) we are being interviewed on BBC Radio Suffolk on Sunday 28th !

These plans are still evolving so please read about us in Connect in the next couple of weeks, changes may need to be made.

So please talk to me? In person or on my mobile 07875 749441. If you can help on Friday evening that would be amazing !

God bless!

Cham – Lay Pioneer

- Open Mind

Hi Everyone, can anyone help us please? Open Mind needs a few foolscap-sized hanging suspension files for their secure filing cabinet. I really don't want to pay £25 for 50 when just half a dozen would be enough! Can anyone help with this please?

Many thanks

Cham charmaineslade57@gmail.com

- Online Retreat Day 27th November

An online retreat entitled 'Renewing Sabbath' will be held on 27th November, hosted by the Northampton Methodist District and led by Dr Roger Walton. Please see the attached poster for further details.

- 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.

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.

- Request for help

A retired Methodist Minister from Thetford Ken Nicholls and his wife Heather are in the process of buying a property in Haverhill.

While the purchase of their house is going through, they are looking to rent a 2-bedroom property in this area.

If you know of any suitable property for rent, Ken & Heather will be pleased to hear from you. Ken's phone number is 07808066733.

We look forward to welcoming Ken & Heather to our church in the future and we pray for God's provision.

We are hiring!



We are looking for a...

Community Outreach Adviser

Hours: Part time (22½ hpw)

Salary: £13,549

Application Deadline: 9am on
Tuesday 30th November 2021



Local Influencer

Hours: Full time (37½ hpw)

Salary: £25,643 per annum

Application Deadline: 9am on
Monday 6th December 2021

Details of both roles can be found on our website:
www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/Vacancies or contact
info@reachhaverhill.org.uk for a job pack.

A detailed nativity scene is the background for the poster. It features a wooden stable with a thatched roof. An angel with large, feathered wings is perched on the roof. Below, Mary is seated with the infant Jesus in a manger. Joseph stands nearby. Several shepherds are present, some kneeling in prayer. A king in a red robe and crown is on the right. Various animals, including sheep and a donkey, are also depicted. The scene is set against a dark blue night sky filled with stars. A bright, glowing star is positioned at the top center, and a brilliant sun or starburst emanates from the upper right corner, casting rays across the scene.

CAROL SING-A-LONG

*Come along join in and share
some Christmas Spirit*

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

6.00 - 6:15 pm 4 outside the old NatWest bank

6.30 - 6.45 pm outside Saffron Insurance

7:00 - 7:15 pm from Queen's Square

**FEATURING HAVERHILL SILVER BAND
& THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF ALL THE
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CHOIRS**



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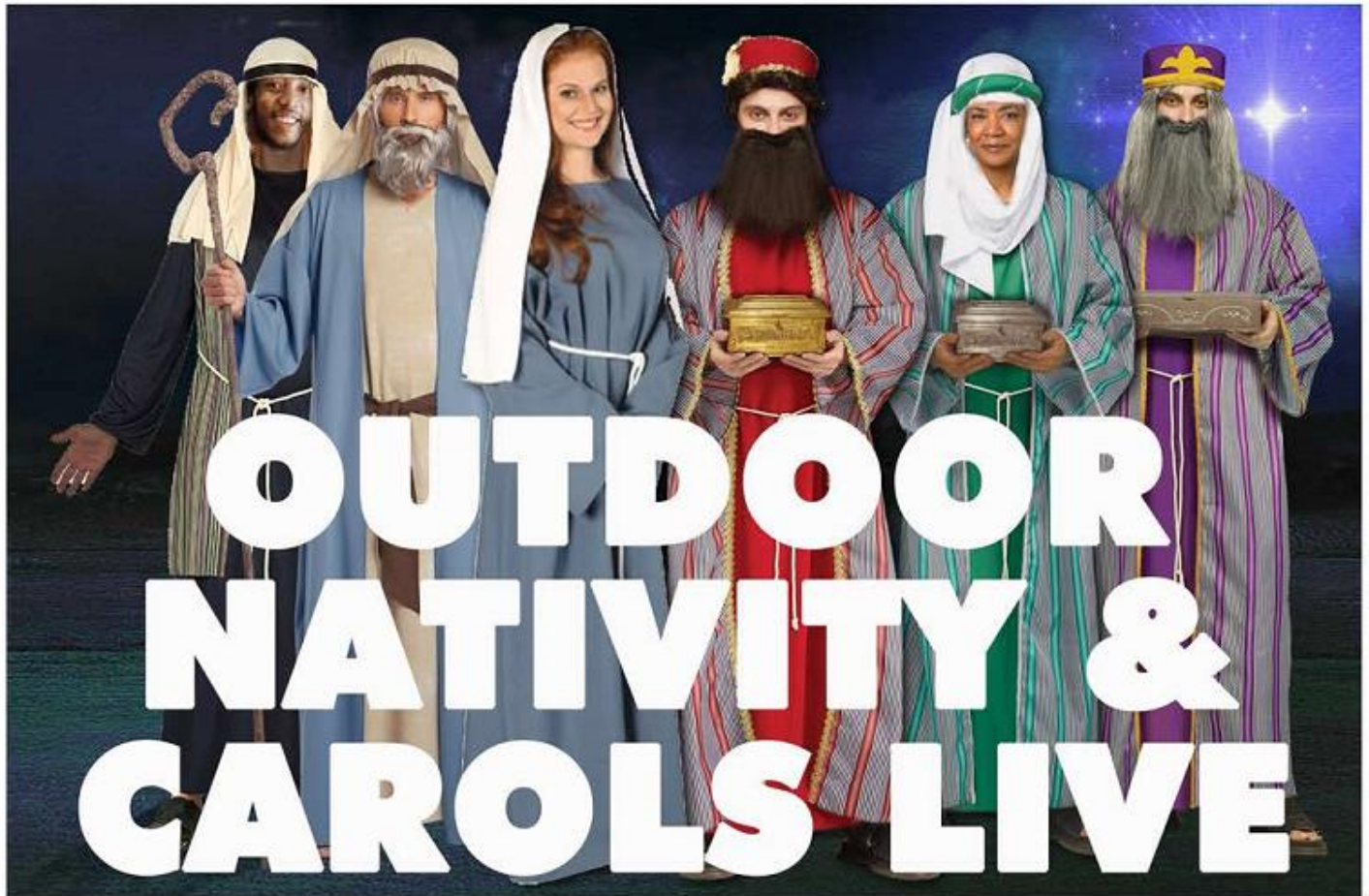
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The Shepherd Supplement
For all your herding news.

BABY BORN TO SAVE THE WORLD!

**PRIZES GIVEN FOR KIDS FANCY DRESS
(SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN/WOMEN, ANGELS, & ANIMALS)**



Starting at Haverhill Methodist Church, Camps Road, CB9 8HF

12 Noon, SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER

finishing at St Mary's Church, Market Square, Haverhill

- Dates to remember:

November		
21 st	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell Flowers: Mr & Mrs R Beaumont
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
22 nd & 23 rd	All day	Music exams in the church, vestry and coffee lounge
22 nd	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
23 rd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer – in the Loft (or in your own home)
24 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
26 th	10pm-2am	No Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for volunteers
28 th	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade Flowers: Vacant
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
		Deadline for next issue of Faithtime
29 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
30 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
December		
1 st	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
3 rd	6-8pm	HDCT Carol Sing-a-long – see poster for details
	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
5 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age & Toy Service + Bring&Share lunch
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
6 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
7 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
8 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
10 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
12 th	10.30am	Preacher: Julian Pursehouse – District Chair Holy Communion Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
	5pm	Family Carol Service followed by refreshments
	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	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
19 th	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell All Age & Christingle Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
21 st	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
22 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
24 th	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion (till 12.15am)
25 th	10am	Christmas day family Service
26 th		No morning or evening services

