



## Haverhill Methodist Church

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*“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago)*

*Luke 1:68-70*

**Prayer Chain:** If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto: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 [here](#).

- Sound system issues

We are aware that some are finding it difficult to hear what is being said during Sunday services.

### **Hearing aid users**

There is no hearing aid loop this week. Please continue to use your hearing aid as usual without changing to the loop setting. New equipment has been ordered and will be installed as soon as available. Thank you for your patience

- Friday 24th December Midnight Communion 11.30pm–12.15

There will be a short service of Holy Communion beginning at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. All are invited to this special time at the Lord's Table – a wonderful way to start your Christmas.

- Christmas Day Family Service 10am

Please note the earlier than usual time for this celebration service. It is traditional to bring a gift to open at this service – and that's everyone, not just the children, so please join in if you can. Children may also wish to bring something they've received to show the congregation

- Big Christmas Card

The 'Big Christmas Card' will be available **in the Foyer** on Christmas Day, for anyone who hasn't yet done so 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.

- Sponsored Bike Ride

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Suffolk Historic Churches sponsored bike ride (Ride and Stride) back in September. The final total raised throughout the county was £160,677, which will be used towards preserving and repairing the county's ancient places of worship. Haverhill Methodist Church raised £390, the highest in our (Clare) area. Half of this money will be returned to our church. This was the largest total we have achieved and was entirely due to the biking efforts of the Britten family.

Well done Abigail, Stuart, Luke and Jake and all who sponsored them.

John Loader

- Haverhill Prayer Walk Project

A reminder that the project will launch at the Salvation Army on Sunday 9th January at 1.30pm when the prayer walkers will be commissioned and sent out.

If you would like to be involved you can contact Bill at [bill.reynolds@rolcc.org.uk](mailto:bill.reynolds@rolcc.org.uk)

- 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.

- Requirements on Face Coverings

Since last Friday it is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering in a place of worship and ancillary buildings (i.e. in church, in the church hall and church premises).

We shall continue to wear face coverings when singing, except for those leading the singing or leading worship.

Face coverings are not required in Next Door as it is a cafe, but customers and staff may still choose to wear a face covering when not eating or drinking.

Exemptions apply - for example children under 11, people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, people for whom putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause severe distress.

Full details can be found on the Methodist Church website on the link below

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/>

- Prayer Diary for December & January

Apart from the Sunday services here are some other dates to pray for:-

### December

24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Family Service

### January 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Bring 'n' Share Lunch

20<sup>th</sup> Church/Circuit Meeting

### Extra Prayer Topics

*Peter, Jo and family* - Pray for Peter as he continues to lead us through this time of considerable change and uncertainty. Pray he will be guided by the Lord to bring us hope and to deepen our faith Give thanks for the support he receives from Jo and ask the Lord to bless them as a family.

*Church & Circuit Steward & Local Preachers* Pray for those who support Peter in the practical and spiritual running of this Church

especially in this challenging time of change. Pray for those bringing the Word of God to us each Sunday that we may all be blessed and our faith will deepen. Pray for the need for an extra Circuit Steward.

*Volunteers needed* – There are many areas of church life where volunteers are needed:-

*Next Door* – to assist in café

*Lantern* – helpers needed

*Sunday Club* – more leaders needed

*Illuminate* – Illuminate has new members. Ages range from 11-18 years. More leaders needed so that this group can be split into smaller age groups. Also God's guidance is needed to know how to meet the needs of the 16+ group.

*Coffee rota* – to assist making coffee after morning worship

*Town Pastors* – More pastors and prayers are still required.

*Open mind*- Give thanks for those who have offered to be helpers. Open Mind meets each Wednesday from 10am -12noon

*Reach* – Volunteers needed to assist in various aspects of this work. Give thanks for recent funding promised. Pray the staff will not be overwhelmed as the workload increases and that the right staff will be found to fill new posts.

Please pray for the right people to come forward to fill each of these positions.

*Revival* - Pray for the Lord's visitation upon this Church in power as He has promised.

*Our Fellowship* - Pray for those in our fellowship who are going through difficult times. Pray the Lord will meet them at their point of need. Pray for peace and healing.

## • HMC Christmas Quiz 2021 - Answers

### Round 1 Christmas Festivities

1. December 26<sup>th</sup>
2. By Sir Henry Cole in 1843(within 5 years)
3. Early 4<sup>th</sup> century and first mention is 336 AD

4. The tree is a Norwegian spruce (*Picea abies*), a gift from the people of Oslo as thanks for the support given during World War II to the people of Norway
5. He was Wenceslaus 1<sup>st</sup>, Duke of Bohemia in the Czech Republic
6. Uncertain but possibly from the tradition of giving a Christmas box to traders or vendors who had served throughout the year e.g. postmen, housemaids etc.
7. Coming or arrival
8. They were priests of the Zoroastrian religion.
9. Bob Cratchit
10. He is based on an early Christian saint from Myra, now in Turkey named Nicholas. He was the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, unmarried people, and students and was renowned for his quiet generosity.
11. Rain because Rudolph the red knows rain, dear.

### Round 2 What's in a name?

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1) Bob        | 10) Don             |
| 2) Cliff      | 11) Jan             |
| 3) Doug       | 12) Andy            |
| 4) Tom        | 13) Teresa/ Theresa |
| 5) Bernadette | 14) Ray             |
| 6) Mandy      | 15) Adam            |
| 7) Wendy      | 16) Fred            |
| 8) Rose       |                     |
| 9) Ivy        |                     |

### Round 3 Punny Creatures

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|------------|-------------|
| 1) LION    | 8) BISON    |
| 2) PARROT  | 9) REINDEER |
| 3) GNU     | 10) HAMSTER |
| 4) ZEBRA   | 11) RABBIT  |
| 5) COW     | 12) OTTER   |
| 6) CHEETAH | 13) YETI    |
| 7) HORSE   | 14) SPIDER  |

- 15) LLAMA
- 16) WORM
- 17) SALMON
- 18) WHALE
- 19) PORCUPINE
- 20) PANDA

- 21) WASP
- 22) FLEA
- 23) AARDVARK
- 24) OSTRICH
- 25) ASS

#### Round 4 Nursery Rhymes

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. DOCTOR FOSTER           | 23. LAVENDER BLUE           |
| 2. BAA BAA BLACKSHEEP      | 24. TWINKLE TWINKLE         |
| 3. LITTLE BO PEEP          | 25. BOYS AND GIRLS COME     |
| 4. LITTLE MISS MUFFETT     | OUT TO PLAY                 |
| 5. RIDE A COCK HORSE       | 26. DIDDLE DIDDLE DUMPLING  |
| 6. THE GRAND OLD DUKE OF   | 27. GOOSEY GOOSEY GANDER    |
| YORK                       | 28. HUSH A BYE BABY         |
| 7. ORANGES AND LEMON       | 29. I HAD A LITTLE NUT TREE |
| 8. MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB  | 30. JACK AND JILL           |
| 9. ROCK A BYE BABY         | 31. JACK SPRATT WOULD EAT   |
| 10. ONE TWO BUCKLE MY SHOE | NO FAT                      |
| 11. GEORGEY PORGEY         | 32. MARY MARY QUITE         |
| 12. RING A RING OF ROSES   | CONTRARY                    |
| 13. HICKORY DICKORY DOCK   | 33. POLLY PUT THE KETTLE ON |
| 14. INCEY WINCET SPIDER    | 34. PUSSYCAT PUSSYCAT       |
| 15. HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE      | 35. SING A SONG OF          |
| 16. HUMPTY DUMPTY          | SIXPENCE                    |
| 17. LUCY LOCKET LOST HER   | 36. TO MARKET TO MARKET     |
| POCKET                     | 37. TOM TOM THE PIPERS SON  |
| 18. LITTLE BOY BLUE        | 38. THREE BLIND MICE        |
| 19. DING DONG BELL         | 39. TWO LITTLE DICKYBIRDS   |
| 20. WEE WILLIE WINKY       | 40. THERE WAS AN OLD        |
| 21. LITTLE POLLY FLINDERS  | WOMAN                       |
| 22. OLD MOTHER HUBBARD     |                             |

#### Round 5 The Garden love-letter

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1) ALOE     | 4) ONION  |
| 2) ROSEMARY | 5) BAMBOO |
| 3) RUE      | 6) CANNA  |

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| 7) SAGE           | 26) TURNIP              |
| 8) BAY            | 27) HOSTA               |
| 9) BOX            | 28) HEART-LIES-BLEEDING |
| 10) BULLRUSH      | 29) THYME               |
| 11) HEARTSEASE    | 30) ALDER               |
| 12) SAFFRON       | 31) ASTER               |
| 13) KUMQUAT       | 32) PHLOX               |
| 14) MAY           | 33) SEDUM               |
| 15) BROOM         | 34) BEETROOT            |
| 16) FUSCHIA       | 35) APPLE               |
| 17) FORGET-ME-NOT | 36) PEAR                |
| 18) STOCK         | 37) MINT                |
| 19) HOP           | 38) RHUS                |
| 20) YEW           | 39) CISTUS              |
| 21) CEDAR         | 40) OLIVE               |
| 22) SQUASH        | 41) LETTUCE             |
| 23) PLANTAIN      | 42) ACER                |
| 24) TULIPS        | 43) SWEET WILLIAM       |
| 25) POPLAR        |                         |

- Dates to remember:

24 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion (till 12.15am)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Christmas Day family Service
26 <sup>th</sup>		No morning or evening services
31 <sup>st</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
<b>January</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	All Age Worship followed by Bring & Share lunch
4 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
5 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Covenant Service with Holy Communion
11 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
14 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Charmaine Slade
18 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!

21 <sup>st</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30-8pm	Church New Year Party in hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
26 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
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28 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter

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