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## Connect Issue 91

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*When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?*

*Psalm 118:5-6*

**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](#).

- Building Work next to church

Churchill Retirement Living have begun phase 2 of their Haverhill retirement homes project and this site is located adjacent to our church buildings. They are currently demolishing buildings and garages and next week, week beginning 24 January, the wall by the church fire exits will be demolished and replaced by fencing.

Inevitably, this will result in noise and some disruption for users of the Hall and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. The contractors will make every effort to reduce disruption and maintain safe access in the event of evacuation, whilst ensuring security for our site.

If you have any concerns please speak to Peter or John.

Thank you for your forbearance during this period of transition.

John Loader

- Church New Year Party

Our Church New Year Party takes place this Saturday 5.30pm-8pm.in the Church Hall.

It is estimated that 60-70 people will attend.

The usual face-coverings will be necessary unless exempt and except while eating or drinking.

- Vegan 'milk'

A vegan alternative to cow's milk will be provided for drinks during refreshments served after Sunday worship, beginning this Sunday.

- Sharing finding God – follow up

In our morning service on Sunday 23rd January there will be a sharing time in the service.

You are invited to share with the congregation where you have recently found God in the ordinary, or the extra-ordinary things of life.

This follows up on our service theme from last Sunday.

Our sharing time will not be included in the video of the service.

Please consider what you might share to bless others and praise God.

- 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.

- Lantern

Lantern is currently taking a 3 month break while its future is considered. Please pray for the leaders to be able to discern the right way forward for this group.

- Prayer Walking

February 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-2.30pm at RoLCC in Chalkstone Community Centre
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-2.30pm at the Salvation Army Church
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-2.30pm at the Methodist Church

Do please and attend these if you possibly can so that we have opportunity to hear feedback, be encouraged together and collectively pray for Haverhill. You are also most welcome to invite anyone else along who may not be Prayer Walking but would still like to join us to specifically prayer for our town.

With every blessing  
Bill

- East Anglia Women's Conference at Sizewell Hall

Two conferences are planned again this year, God willing. Our speaker for March is Judith Mooreland and for October Amy Summerfield.

Unfortunately the eawc website cannot be opened at present so we have put the details on Facebook

Here are the links:.

Spring conference:

<https://ticketbud.com/events/27321d78-72f6-11ec-b73b-42010a717017>

Autumn conference:

<https://ticketbud.com/events/ddcf320e-7301-11ec-b4fe-42010a717017>

Just click on the link to access the tickets

It will be so good to meet up again after so long and to hear what God wants to say to us.

Every Blessing

Angela

- The Karen Hurrell Christian Lending Library

We're delighted to invite you to pop into the Next Door Café and take a look at an excellent Christian lending library. Categories include prayer, poetry, relationships, family and parenting, Bibles, world religions, reference books, CDs and DVDs.

There is also a small shop selling Christian greeting cards, books and gifts.

Everyone is welcome to use this resource freely and to contribute to the collection if they wish. Relax in the cosy reading corner to make your choice then sign out as in any library.

The books were donated to us by the Hurrell family after the tragic loss of Karen. Karen was an inspirational local Christian lady who would have been delighted to see her collection being used in this way.

- News of Nigel & family from Win

I thought you would like to share some of the news Nigel Bishop sent to me.

*“Thank you for your faithful friendship, I so much appreciate your keeping in touch. What a strange year it has been for all of us, by God’s grace He has brought us through. I hope you have been keeping well, and all our friends at HMC too.*

*Life always seems so busy here. My chaplaincy work at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital is ever more taxing, yet very rewarding and satisfying too. I get to meet and minister to people from all walks of life, such a privilege.*

*Marlies was poorly in October but soon fully recovered. Naomi turned 13 in June and is a happy girl, so full of life. Ballet dances four times a week and this is her passion. Marlies and Naomi were able to visit family and friends in Switzerland during the summer (the first time for 3 years). I had to remain home in order to supervise some major work on our house. The manse has been completely re-rendered so now looks much better and is weather-proof at last!*

*I think of you very often, and always remember you in prayer.*

*Please remember us to the church family at HMC. What fond and special memories we have of you all.*

*Sending our love and prayers, Nigel, Marlies & Naomi.”*

I do, and always have, kept in touch with Nigel, especially birthdays and Christmas. His parting words to me were “Win, never give up” so I haven’t.

Win Franklin

- Requirements on Face Coverings

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 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

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

- District News
- Grapevine magazine

The theme of the next edition will be 'Transformations that inspire'.

It would be good to have articles that share examples from around the District where there have been imaginative refurbishments of church property - where risks have been taken and resources used well - in order to make places fit for purpose and attractive places for fellowship, mission and worship. This could include ones from other denominations.

We would welcome stories that focus around transformations that have inspired you; this could be around the use/adaptation of buildings or land (imaginative refurbishments of church property - where risks have been taken and resources used well in order to make places fit for purpose and attractive places for fellowship, mission and worship) that you may have encountered on your travels around Britain or it could be a personal transformation that you yourself have gone through (perhaps related to the pandemic) that you think might inspire others.

If you would like to contribute an article on this theme please send it to [office@eangliamethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@eangliamethodist.org.uk) Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text). The deadline for articles is **Sunday 27th February** but it would be great to receive them before then!

We really appreciate all the contributions we receive and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and kind regards

Ms Danielle Gravestock (District Administrator)

- Partnership link between East Anglia District & Harare West District

The launch event for this will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am (GMT), on Zoom and in person at Chapelfield Road, Norwich and in Zimbabwe. This will be a celebration of the two Districts embedded in an act of worship. There is a flyer attached to this email with all details and a clickable link for the zoom meeting. There is also a video attached with more information.

- Learning Opportunity

A new short-course being run by **The Revd Dr Paul W. Chilcote**, Director of Global Wesleyan Theology at Wesley House, throughout March 2022. There is an **Early Bird Registration offer until 31 January.**

Paul has produced a short invitational video which you can [VIEW HERE](#)



Based on Paul's book *Active Faith* - that you receive e-access too - this four week course helps participants learn how to resist the dangerous ideologies and toxic forms of faith in our age that sap energy and create barriers between God and people.

It introduces four Wesleyan practices that help renew and restore truth, joy, peace, and love to the soul.

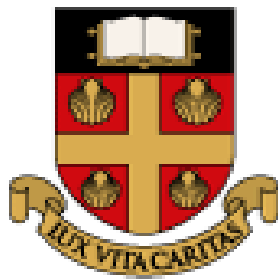
**Further details and registration can be found here:**

<https://bit.ly/3y9mxA3>

Please feel free to forward this information to anyone you think might be interested.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to get in contact.  
With best wishes,

Dan



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- Dates to remember:

<b>January</b>		
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 Flowers: Mrs J Rinaldi
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
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
28 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs K Cohen
<b>February</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
4 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah Glasswell - All Age Worship Flowers: Mr C Smith
8 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
11 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion Flowers: Mrs K Strowger
15 <sup>th</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
16 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
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18 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mr & Mrs M Etheridge
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27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Barton – <a href="#">Adopt-a-Child</a> Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Loader
<b>March</b>		
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
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Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: [kathy.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:kathy.cohen@btinternet.com) or handed directly to Kathy. Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.