



## Haverhill Methodist Church

Rev. Peter Goodhall  
The Manse  
24 Hamlet Road  
Haverhill  
Suffolk CB9 8EH

T: 01440 702422  
E: [methodistpeter@gmail.com](mailto:methodistpeter@gmail.com)



## Connect Issue 93

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

*"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*

*Isaiah 1:18*

**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](#).

- Hearing Loop

A new hearing aid loop has been installed, switch your hearing aid to the T position if available



- Funeral of Lily Rawlingson

The funeral service for Lily Rawlingson will take place at our church on Friday 4th March at 11am.

Refreshments will be served in the church hall afterwards.

We continue to uphold Lily's family in prayer.

- Bring & Share Lunch Sunday 6th February

Everyone is invited to the bring and share lunch after the service. A reminder that the kitchen oven has special instructions to follow until it is fully repaired.

- 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

- Vegan 'milk'

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

- Lent Group

A Lent Group will be held on the church premises on Thursday evenings 7.30pm-9pm.

The dates are: March 3,10,17,24,31 & April 7

Further details will follow but please reserve the dates.

We hope you can join us for Bible-focussed discussion, reflection and faith-building as we journey towards Easter.

- Invitation

Hi church family,

This year is my 70th birthday and I would like to celebrate it with my church family. I have booked the Haverhill rugby club for the 28th May. If you do wish to attend please could you let me know towards the end of April as I need to know the amount of food to order.

Hope to see you in church this Sunday

Keith Barker

- Latest Coronavirus Guidance

As of Thursday 27th January 2022 there is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering.

The government suggest that face coverings are continued to be worn in crowded and enclosed spaces.

**In response to this change and in the light of ongoing infection rates, it is advised that face coverings continue to be worn on church premises for now.**

**Names of those attending church will no longer be recorded. Good ventilation will continue and hand-sanitizer will be available.**

- 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.

- Prayer Walking prayer meetings

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

➤ 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)

- Dates to remember:

<b>February</b>		
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
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
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
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
25 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Barton – <a href="#">Adopt-a-Child</a> Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Loader
<b>March</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: Peter-All Age Worship
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
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
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
18 <sup>th</sup>	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Peter

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.