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I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.

Psalm 119:30,93

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 [here](#).

- Hearing Loop

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



- Sunday 20th February

We are looking forward to welcoming Ron and Linda Walker into church membership this coming Sunday.

If you would like to explore church membership also, please speak to Peter.

- Sunday 27th February

We are pleased to welcome back our friend Peter Barton who will be updating us on the work of the Christian charity Adopt-A-Child. Through sponsorship programmes they support children and families in poverty in Albania and Guatemala.

You can find out more at their website:

<https://www.livingwateradoptachild.org/uk/>

Last time he visited Peter brought some handmade fundraising items to sell after the service, however, as no-one has been out to Guatemala during the pandemic, there are no crafts on offer but there are various practical gifts available such as chickens, meals or house repairs (as well as others!) so you may wish to bring some extra money with you just in case.

- 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.

- Traidcraft Coffee Morning

10-11.30am Friday 4th March at Clare Baptist Church.

See attached poster for more details.

- Join our Lent Group

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March.

Lent is a time for self-examination, penitence and repentance. It is a time set aside to deepen our life of prayer and faith in God as we journey towards Easter. We do this alone and together.

I invite you to come and join our Lent group which will meet in person at church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm-9pm. The dates are: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & April 7th.

This Lent we shall be exploring The Prayers of Jesus using a study guide written by Amy Boucher Pye.

Focusing on six of the prayers of Jesus as he journeyed to the cross, in each session we shall explore the scriptures, share in discussion and have a time of prayer.

Peter and Sarah will be sharing the leadership of the group. We hope you can join us.

Please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer, or contact Peter by Sunday 27th February at the latest if you intend to join the group so that sufficient study guides can be ordered.

Once we know how many are attending, we will decide where on our church premises we shall meet.

May God guide you through Lent and draw you to the wonder of Easter.

- World Day Of Prayer Service

This service will be held on Friday March 4th at 1.30pm at Haverhill Salvation Army on Chantry Road.

All are welcome to attend.

- General Church Meeting- Sunday 13th March

Our next General Church Meeting will be held after morning worship on Sunday 13th March, commencing about 11.45am.

All are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

We shall appoint our Church Officers and share together about the work of God among us.

Reports of church activities are to be emailed/given to John and Sandra Loader no later than Sunday 6th March please.

If you have an item of business for discussion under AOB, please inform Peter before the meeting. The agenda is attached to this email.

We trust this meeting will be informative, full of good news stories and be an encouragement to us all.

- Could you become a Pastoral Friend?

At Haverhill Methodist Church we seek to support one another through a network of Pastoral Friends.

A Pastoral Friend supports an agreed number of individuals. We are in need of new Pastoral Friends to support an increasing congregation.

If you are interested, please speak to Peter or to our Pastoral Secretary Janet Etheridge.

The Role of Pastoral Friend at Haverhill Methodist Church:

1. To offer friendship, caring support and encouragement particularly in times of special need.
2. To keep in contact with those you are a pastoral friend to. This contact may happen through Sunday worship, home visits, telephone conversations, email or text or letters/cards.

3. To pray for and perhaps with those you are a pastoral friend to.
4. To make available our Connect newsletter to those unable to access it.
5. To distribute the annual Methodist Church Membership Tickets and Adherent Tickets.
6. As appropriate, to inform the Pastoral Secretary and Church Minister of any serious illness, hospitalisation or if back up support is needed.
7. To inform the Pastoral Secretary of any changes in their contact details.
8. To attend the Pastoral Meeting.

- Vacancy for Safeguarding Officer

Paula Tappin has stepped down from her role as safeguarding officer. We thank Paula for her service to the church.

We take safeguarding seriously and we need to fill this appointment as soon as possible.

We need to appoint Paula's successor and we would value your prayers and consideration for this vacancy.

As a basic outline of this voluntary role, it includes promoting safeguarding practices, facilitating online DBS checks and renewals for those who require them in partnership with Peter and Sarah, attending online safeguarding training and providing safeguarding training for all Haverhill Methodist Church volunteers as needed, again with support from Peter and Sarah.

Good communication and administrative skills are needed.

Please speak to Peter if you are interested in finding out more.

- 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. 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.

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

John Loader

- 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.

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.

Good ventilation will continue and hand-sanitizer will be available.

- Prayer Walking prayer meetings

March 13th 1.30-2.30pm at the Salvation Army Church

April 10th 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 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)

- [REACH – job opportunity](#)



Community Outreach Adviser

Details here:

<https://bit.ly/3oF8X49>

- Calling all knitters/crocheters



- *Join us as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*
- To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee St Nicholas Hospice Care wants to bring people together to create an afternoon tea with a difference.
- We are calling on the community to join our staff and grab their knitting (or crochet) needles to help create a wool-inspired afternoon tea display that wouldn't look out of place at one of Her Majesty's Garden Parties.
- We are hoping to be able to create woollen displays in our Haverhill Hub and Bury St Edmund's St John's Street shop, and we need everything from knitted quaint cups and saucers to crocheted tempting baked treats.
- If you'd like to get involved please get in touch with Janet Etheridge (01440 423263) who will be co-ordinating our Church's efforts.

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com or handed directly to Kathy. Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

February		
18 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
20 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mr & Mrs M Etheridge
21 st	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
22 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
23 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
25 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
27 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter Barton – Adopt-a-Child Flowers: Mr & Mrs J Loader
28 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
March		
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2 nd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
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4 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
	10-11.30am	Traidcraft Coffee Morning at Clare Baptist (see flyer)
6 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter-All Age Worship
7 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
8 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
9 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the church hall – for everyone!
11 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
13 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter
14 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
15 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in the Lounge (or in your own home)
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April		
1 st	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
3 rd	10.30am	Preacher: Sarah – All Age Worship