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Whatever your background or faith, you're very welcome to come to any of the events listed in this news-sheet, whether on Sunday mornings or other occasions during the week. If you're new to this church, please take a welcome pack that contains more information about us.

On **Sunday mornings**, the church service starts with everyone together in the main school hall, with songs, prayers and some form of Bible reading or story. The first part of the service is pretty informal - it's difficult not to be when there are young children involved, and we welcome them. Most Sundays we then break into separate groups for children, teenagers and adults, where we can explore the same theme in age appropriate ways. On the 1st Sunday of this month we will have Café Church and there will not be separate children's or young people's groups– more details inside.

There is a creche area for parents with young children, to which you are welcome to take your child at any point in the service.



Drinks and biscuits are served after the service, so there is plenty of time to meet and chat with people, or to ask for prayer.

Café Church – Sunday, 4 Feb



Invitation

Sunday, 4 Feb, 10:30-11:45 am
@ Hardwick Community Primary School

*Community café including children's corner
Hot & cold drinks, pastries, good company*

Suggested contribution ... £1 per person



On a visit to The Gambia in 2001, Liz Tinkler had the 'call of Africa' and, as a result, in 2002 established The Lisa Kent Trust, an educational charity. In the last 15 years it has developed to be one of the leading education charities in The Gambia, teaching in excess of 600 children in its schools and delivering excellent results. Liz will be sharing some of the story & there will be time for questions and answers following her talk.



*This event is open to everyone, irrespective of their faith background.
As well as our guest speaker, and the café style layout, there will be an informal table quiz, and some time for quiet reflection / prayer.*

Another event brought to you locally by Hardwick Evangelical Church
More info: Steve & Kate Gaze - 01954 211900 - minister.hechurch@gmail.com

Once a term, instead of our usual morning service we host "café church". This is a good opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to join you for pastries and hot drinks, and listen to an interesting speaker share something of their life and faith. This time we are looking

forward to hearing from Liz Tinkler, of Hardwick, and the work of the charity that she started to support children's education in The Gambia, west Africa.

EBA



Eastern Baptist Association

As a church, we are affiliated to the Eastern Baptist Association (EBA). This gives us the opportunity to benefit from many of the resources and support networks that are available to Baptist churches, whilst retaining our own local identity and expression.

Once a term, the churches from the local cluster of Baptist Churches meet together on a Sunday evening for refreshments and conversation, followed by a worship service. The churches take it in turn to host this event, which we will be doing on **Sunday, 4 February**, as part of our Presence series.

Refreshments, including a finger-food buffet, will be served from 6pm in the Community Room, followed by the Presence service in the school hall from 7pm. Please book this special date, and be prepared to help.



Questions God asks of people

Once or twice a year, the Leaders and Trustees, have an “away-day” to have an extended time for prayer, discussion and reflection, with regard to our own personal spiritual lives as well as for the life and direction of the church. On Saturday, 20 Jan, the Leaders and Trustees met in the peaceful Childerley Chapel, and Steven & Helen Anderson from Biggleswade Baptist Church came to lead the day.



One of the things they encouraged us to do was to consider the questions that God asks people in the Bible. He asks the questions, not because he doesn't know the answers but in order to help the person, or people, reflect and move forward. For example the first 2 questions God asks, in the Bible, are to Adam and Eve:

1. “Where are you?” [Genesis 3:9]. Are we hiding like Adam & Eve were? God knew where they were and he still cared for them.
2. “Who told you that you were naked?” [Genesis 3:12]. Who, or what, influences our perception of ourselves?

Steven and Helen also prayed for us as individuals, as well as sharing any words and pictures of encouragement they had for individuals and the church. We came away encouraged to move forward in what God has called us to as individuals and together as church.

Thank you

We're only able to do what we do a church because of God's kindness and generosity, and one of the ways we experience that is through each other. Thank you very much to everyone who gives financially, serves refreshments and washes up, runs children or youth groups, helps with creche, leads worship, sets up and pack down the venues, hosts small groups, prays, preaches, visits, encourages, welcomes, organises rotas, does things no one else sees. Together, we form part of God's family and have the privilege (and at times frustration) of being in that family and welcoming others into it. How amazing God's love is!

Trip to Rehoboth Children's Home, The Philippines



We have supported Rehoboth's work with prayer, finance, communication and visits since the early years of our church. In the Easter holidays Susie, Robbie, Lucy and Bethany Thomson, Clare Cronin, Rebecca Hitchings, Jonno Gaze and Ben Ince, together with some people from Cambourne Church and Godmanchester Baptist Church, and Robbie's Mum, Fiona, will be visiting Rehoboth.

Some specific prayer requests are:

- Safe and hassle free travel
- A bond to be formed with the children and staff at Rehoboth
- God to work in the lives of the people on the team
- A growing awareness in the team members of God's heart for mission



The team also have more finance to raise for the trip. They have been successful with some funding applications and making and selling craft at Christmas. Two further events coming up in February are:

- Sun, 11 Feb, car-wash in Hardwick school car park, before & after church service
- Sun, 18 Feb, 2pm, hand-made afternoon tea at Cambourne Church – bookings must be made in advance, £10 per person

Or you might like to give directly to support the team. Please chat with Susie & Robbie, who are leading the team, for more information.

Rend Collective at the Cambridge Corn Exchange



“Build your kingdom here” and “Lighthouse” are just 2 of the songs written by Rend Collective that are sung by thousands of people across the world, and in our congregation. Hailing from the small coastal town of Bangor in Northern Ireland, the Collective developed organically, a self-described “group of confused twenty-somethings trying to figure out faith, life, God and community.” They gathered at Rend, a ministry for spiritually hungry young adults, desperately seeking an authentic, raw and real expression of church, which was informally pastored by bandleader, Gareth Gilkeson. The songs they wrote are one expression of that journey of finding and sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Rend Collective, supported by Tom Smith from Soul Survivor, and GuvnaB, will be leading a night of heartfelt worship at the Cambridge Corn Exchange on Sunday, 11 February.

WCCYM Weekend



This year’s WCCYM Weekend will take place on Friday 9th - Sunday 11th March at Burwell House. Aimed at young people of secondary school and sixth form age (schools years 7-13). The weekend is packed with lots of activities such as team-building games, wide games, sports, crafts, talks and discussions, with plenty of time to relax and hang out with friends. Bookings must be made by Sunday, 11th February. For more information please speak to Susie or Clare.

Prayer

Please pick up a copy of **Hardwick and Caldecote Prayer Works**, our prayer diary for local people, events and streets that is valid from January - April. As far as possible, we try to prayer for the same streets that St Mary's Church are praying for, so we can join together in this way.

There is a prayer box at the back of the church for any prayer requests, which can be anonymous if you wish. Anything you write about will be prayed for by the leadership team over the coming week.

Useful Contacts

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Giving

There is a box for donations at the back of the hall if you would like to give towards the work of the church. Alternatively, you can give by direct bank transfer:

Account Name - Hardwick Christian Fellowship; Bank – CAF Bank Ltd;
Sort Code – 40 52 40; Account Number – 00013764.

If you would like to find out about regular giving to the church, and the option of Gift Aid, please talk to our treasurer Dave Sage.

If you have items for the Newsheet please email hardwickevangelical@gmail.com by Wednesday morning before the last Sunday of the month and put 'Newsheet' in the subject line.

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