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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.

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.

WCCYM Summer Fest & Soul Survivor



Sunday, 8 July, is the date for WCCYM's Summer Fest. This event is for young people from current Yr 6 (about to go into Yr 7) through to those finishing 6th form. Held at Manor Farm, Bourn, CB23 2SH, in the old great barn and surrounds this is a great opportunity to make new friends and catch up with others. BBQ, inflatables, live music, games, talk and discussion.



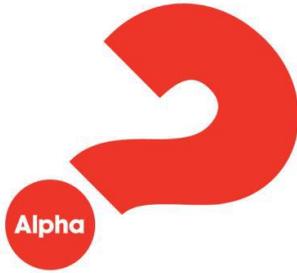
Every summer thousands of young people gather together at Soul Survivor 'to learn what it means to live for Jesus in every area of our lives, to pray for one another, and to have loads of fun!' WCCYM is taking a group from those in Year 8+ to **Soul Survivor, Week B, 18-23 August**.

See Susie for more details about either of these events.

Children and Families Worker

We are in the process of interviewing for the Children and Families Worker position, and WCCYM is in the process of recruiting cover for Susie's maternity leave and hours that Clare Cronin had with WCCYM. Please continue to pray that all involved hear, and follow, where God is leading.

Explore – Try Alpha



The Hardwick Housegroup are planning to run an Alpha course starting on Thursday, 13 September, for 9 weeks finishing on Thursday, 8 November. This will be advertised in the July / Aug / Sept issue. If you know someone who would be interested in the course, or would like to support it in some way, or find out more, please speak with either Dan, Wil or Robbie.

If you've ever wondered if there's more
you're not alone in that.

We all explore – every day in small ways and big.

We find ourselves, reinvent ourselves, define ourselves.

We publish our lives, we find ways to stand out and ways to blend in.

We meet people that remind us of us

and people that remind us of who we want to be

and people that just make the journey that much more fun.

We connect and share – we learn from each other and grow together.

We celebrate and mourn, side by side.

We push our limits, challenge ourselves, fall down and get back up again.

Our days are long and our nights get short,

we put in the hours in the hope of building something that lasts,

and, at the end of the day, find joy in the fleeting things.

We want to squeeze all the life out of life,

and hit pause on moments we wish could last.

Put simply, we want to live,

and, along the way, discover all we can,

experience more and find out who we really are.

For all our searching, it's rare to find time to think, and talk,

about the big questions of life, about faith and reason,

about God and meaning.

But exploring is good - we're– built for it.

For more information email: hardwickalpha@gmail.com

Children and Communion / Breaking of bread / Lord's Supper



As a church we decided about 10 years ago that we invite anyone who trusts in Jesus as their Saviour and Lord to share in communion. We do not stipulate an age limit, or conditions of baptism or membership. We leave it to the individual to judge (or in the case of children – their parents).

The service leader should make it clear to the congregation who is invited to take part in communion. Where there are children and young people present, the wording of the invitation should make clear the responsibility of parents or carers to decide if they consider it appropriate for their children to take part.

We realise that it is a long time since we discussed this as a church family, and recognise that people have joined us who will come from different traditions, or who now have their own children and would like an opportunity to think this through with the church family. There is therefore an open invitation to discuss this together on Thursday, 19 July, from 8pm – venue to be confirmed.

Another baptism

Thank you very much to everyone who came to Melissa's baptism and have supported her and the family over the years. One of Melissa's friends, Sophie, is now also wanting to be baptised, having attended Melissa's baptism. We are looking into how best to facilitate and support this. Date to be confirmed

Church – Annual General Meeting

Anyone involved in the life of the church is welcome to come to our Annual General Meeting on 9 July, where we will look back on the last year, appoint some new trustees and leaders, and discuss various matters of church business. Paperwork and agendas are available. Children are welcome though they will probably find the meeting boring. You don't have to be a church member to contribute to discussion, but you do have to be a church member to vote on specific proposals. If you would like to find out more about church membership please speak with Steve or Kate.

Gateways at Caldecote Picnic, Sat, 14 July

Amy the Storyteller writes and tells stories for children, some of which are good life-stories and some are particularly about aspects of the Christian faith. Amy will be giving the first public performances of stories from her latest book, *Louisa Freya, Dragon Slayer*, which should be published later this year. She will also be there to chat and there will be copies of her previous book on sale. There will be opportunities to consider how people deal with the “dragons” that face them in their lives, and how God can help.

“How do you stand up to dragons?”

Sat 14th July, Caldecote Picnic, Caldecote Sports Pavilion

**Performances by Amy the Storyteller
2pm & 3.45pm**

- World premier of stories from Amy's forthcoming children's book, including “*Louisa Freya, Dragon Slayer!*”
- Book sales & signing of Amy's previous book: “*The First King of England in a Dress*”
- Have your say on dragon-slaying: *add your thoughts to Gateway's community-art-installation*



Prayer Diary

Please pick up a copy of **Hardwick and Caldecote Prayer Works**, our prayer diary for local people, events and streets that is valid from May - August. 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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