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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 3rd Sunday of this month we will have an all-age and there will not be separate children's or young people's groups, but we will worship, learn and pray together.

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.

Prayer and praying together

Listening and talking to someone is a vital part of relationship. And prayer is the word we use to describe talking to and listening to God. We can do this individually, as well as in a group or groups. Here are a few ways that we facilitate praying with others in our church.

1. The prayer meeting is going monthly! We've been holding prayer meetings once a half term for a few years now, and during that time several people have asked for it to be more frequent. So, we're making it monthly on the **first Thursday of the month**. It will continue to be hosted at **6 Merton Walk** from **8-9pm**, and people are welcome to come for all or part of that time, as they are able. This is an opportunity for us to be more intentional about praying together for the church as well as for wider issues.
2. Wednesday morning prayers from 9-9:30am, at St Mary's Church, Hardwick. Christians from the village who attend different churches meet together to follow a simple structure of Bible readings, scripted prayers, open prayer and time for silence.
3. Sunday morning prayer, from 10am, in the corridor next the main school hall. Prayer specifically for the Sunday morning service.

Everyone welcome to any, or all, of these gatherings.

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. For more information please speak to Susie or Clare.

An evening of music, Sat, 17 March



Do you fancy an evening of quality music from various genres including classical, folk, jazz and gospel – without having to travel far? Can you afford the bargain price of £6 for the entry ticket, and maybe a bit more to spend on refreshments? Would you like your spending to go towards

funds for the mission trip to Rehoboth Children’s Home in The Philippines that some people from our congregation will be part of over the Easter holidays? Then, if you’re free on Saturday evening, 17 March, this event is the place to spend the evening - featuring Tom Leader (folk singer-songwriter), Jonno Gaze (jazz drummer), Megumi Rider (classical pianist), Cambourne Community Gospel Choir and live band, plus other special guest performers.

Tickets are available from any of those travelling to Rehoboth (Thomson family, Clare Cronin, Ben Ince) or Steve Gaze.

Children and Families Worker - opportunity

Advertising for this part-time position with the church has been circulated. Please pray that we find the right person. If you know someone who might be interested, please send them the information, or ask Steve to send it to them.

Mothers' Day Runaways



The Gateways community in Caldecote is hosting a special event: Mothers' Day Runaways offers a safe space for those who find Mothers' Day difficult. Whatever your story, whether you're grieving the loss of a mother, the loss of a child, or a baby through miscarriage, whether you're struggling with infertility or childlessness, singleness or a difficult relationship, whether you never even knew your mother or any other reason why you might find Mothers' Day painful, this quiet, reflective space has been designed with you in mind. It will be an informal gathering: (free) Sidewalk filter coffee will be served from 7:45pm. From 8pm we will offer poetry, reflection, and simple optional activities (including writing names on a tree of remembrance, lighting candles, colouring mindful pictures) all designed to acknowledge the bittersweet emotions surrounding Mothers' Day, offering the space to grieve, teaching us how to lament and inviting the God who loves us into our stories of struggle.

Come and sit in stillness, or join in as much or as little as feels comfortable.

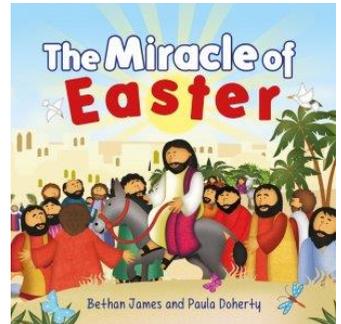
More information from <https://en-gb.facebook.com/GatewaysCaldecote>

Easter Jigsaw



Building on the positive response to the Easter Jigsaw hunt and café that we did last year, plans are underway to do something similar in Hardwick again this year.

Over the week leading up to Easter Sunday, individual pieces of a jigsaw will be put in bright plastic eggs and hidden in public spaces in Hardwick for people to find. On Easter Sunday afternoon, from 4-5pm we will open up the school hall for an Easter Jigsaw Café where people can bring the jigsaw pieces they have found and assemble the jigsaw whilst enjoying hot cross buns and other Easter themed refreshments. The jigsaw will be made using an illustration from the booklet, the Miracle of Easter, which will be given to everyone who comes to help them learn more about the Easter story.



There are plenty of opportunities to help in making the Easter Jigsaw Hunt and Café happen. Please see Steve for more information, or if you have ideas or want to help.

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 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.

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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.