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# hardwick evangelical church

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## May 2018

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.

## **Pastoral care in the church – a Pastoral Team**

The church is often likened to a body which, obviously, is made up of lots of different parts. Each part has a different role and purpose. Sometimes a part is hurting and needs support and care from the rest of the body. Sometimes a part achieves something and that helps the rest of the body feel encouraged. In the Bible, Paul writes along these lines in his letter to the church in Corinth (1 Cor 12:12-30).

Much of the pastoral support in our church is done through the house groups and other small groups that meet together regularly. These are natural places to deepen relationships and to give and receive practical and spiritual support.

Sometimes people can only get to these occasionally, or not at all. Sometimes a crisis comes that we weren't expecting and we need some additional support, or someone to visit and pray with us in hospital or at home. Or maybe there is an on-going need for some additional support to pray through a particular situation, or for some particular practical help. Some of these situations can be picked up by Steve or Kate, but we are very grateful to a pastoral team that is helping with this.

Pauline Blower, has kindly agreed to be the co-ordinator for a pastoral team, who can provide a listening ear, someone to talk things through with, co-ordinate and provide practical help when needed, and offer spiritual support and prayer. Pauline can be contacted by phone (01223 262525) or email ([pablowslt@gmail.com](mailto:pablowslt@gmail.com)).

The pastoral team is gradually working out how we can work best serve the church and the wider community. If you have any questions please ask either Steve, Kate or Pauline.

## Café Church – Sunday, 3 June

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.

Our guest speaker will be John Nicholson, who is based at Fulbourn Hospital and is the Senior Chaplain for the



mental health chaplaincy team. John has many years of experience supporting people in hospital and the community, linking with community and church groups, and influencing policy for the NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust.



## Gracefield



Gracefield Nursing & Residential Home accommodates 17 residents, and specialises in caring for elderly people with dementia, mental disability or learning difficulties. A small team from our congregation, together with one or two people from St Mary’s church, lead a short service once a month at the

home for any residents, carers, or visitors who wish to participate. The service is usually on the **second Sunday afternoon of each month**, at 3pm. Communion is also offered to those who want to take it. If you would like to join the team, or find out about how you could support this work, please speak with Dave Sage or Steve.

## Baptism

We are delighted that Melissa has decided to be baptised. We will be holding a special baptism service on Monday, 21 May, at Comberton Baptist Church, CB23 7DY. Please arrive from 7:45pm for an 8pm start. Please pray for Melissa and everyone involved in preparing for this.

If anyone else would like to be baptised please have a chat with Kate or Steve.

## Youth Worker – farewell



It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that we're saying "goodbye" to Clare, our youth worker, who will be leaving us and WCCYM to become the youth worker for St Andrews Church, Histon. This will be a full-time job, with housing, and looks like an excellent opportunity for her to develop and use further her gifts and heart to serve Jesus and young people.

Clare will finish her work with the church by May half-term, although she will probably take some annual leave in the week leading up to half-term, and will have some leave from us after half-term. We are planning a farewell get together on Saturday, 2 June. Please join us at Hardwick Primary School for a BBQ, from 5-7pm to say goodbye to Clare.

## Changes at WCCYM



Susie Thomson is pregnant and the baby is due in September! So with maternity leave on the horizon, and Clare Cronin changing jobs this term (Clare works 10 hours/week for WCCYM in addition to her work for the church), there will be changes in WCCYM personnel in the coming months. Please pray for Susie and the WCCYM Exec (comprising local church leaders and representatives) as they look for the right person, or people, to continue WCCYM's work in the schools and local communities and supporting youth workers in their churches.

## Easter Jigsaw – Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the praying, planning and practicalities of delivering our second Easter Jigsaw Hunt. Kate Slade and Kate Gaze were our master jigsaw makers and numbered the individual pieces. The Hardwick house-group spent a long evening putting individual pieces of jigsaw, together with an explanatory sentence in plastic eggs, which were sealed securely with sellotape. A team of people hid eggs around the village during the week leading up to Easter. Advertising went out through flyers, facebook, a banner by the school and word of mouth. A team of people set up the school hall, prepared refreshments for the Easter Jigsaw Café, and were on hand to help ensure the event ran smoothly.

And then people came with the jigsaw pieces they had found, assembled the jigsaw, ate Easter-themed refreshments, and received a copy of a booklet telling the miracle of the Easter story. We knew some of the families through contact with Messy Church or other personal contacts, and there were people that we had never met before. More than 20 copies of the booklet were taken home.



## 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](mailto:hardwickevangelical@gmail.com) by Wednesday morning before the last Sunday of the month and put 'Newsheet' in the subject line.*