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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 and adults, where we can explore the same theme in age appropriate ways. On the 3rd Sunday of the month we stay as all-ages through the service to worship, pray and learn together. ***Please note: we will be joining with St Mary's Hardwick on 11 Nov, and on 25 Nov we will join with many local churches at Comberton Leisure. We will not hold our regular Sunday morning services on those days. See inside this news sheet for more information.***



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.

Remembrance Sunday, 11 November

One hundred years since the first Armistice Day at the end of the First World War, we will join with St Mary's Church, Hardwick, and others from the village in a service of remembrance and commitment to peace, starting by gathering at the village sign at 10:30am, followed by the service in St Mary's Church starting at 10:50am. There will also be a children's group in the St Mary's portacabin.

For a week or so either side of Remembrance Day, the village sign will be decorated by hundreds of poppies that have been made by people in the village. If you would like to make a poppy to add to this visual display you can either make one by:

- knitting or crochet – see Julie Coulson for a pattern, or;
- from an old plastic bottle (or plastic lid from a take-away smoothie drink), a straw, and some paint, and glue.

1. Cut the bottom off an old plastic drink bottle. The fluted base will give the impression of petals, which you could cut to shape a bit more. Paint this red with some waterproof paint.



2. Cut strips down the top of a straw so it splays open. Paint the straw with black waterproof paint.

3. Cut a cross-slit in the centre of your red poppy, poke the straw through and splay out the strips at the top of the straw so they form the centre piece of the poppy. You may need to glue the straw in place.



Pray for the good of Hardwick and nearby villages

Tues, 6 Nov, 5-8pm – Public Consultation on plans for new Community facilities in Hardwick. An open drop-in to look at and discuss proposals and plans for: a new Community Building to replace the Community Room in the School; a Church / Community Hall to replace the portacabin at St Mary's; results of relevant data from the village survey (taken a few years ago). Please also pray for our parish and district councillors, and others making big decisions over the coming weeks.

Joint Church Service, Sunday, 25 November

This is a once in a year opportunity to worship, learn and pray together with most of the church congregations in the villages west of the M11 from Coton to Cambourne, including Comberton and Haslingfield and about 10 other villages. Through working together we are able to do things that we couldn't normally do in our regular services. It also means that for everyone coming the service is different from their usual Sunday morning experience.

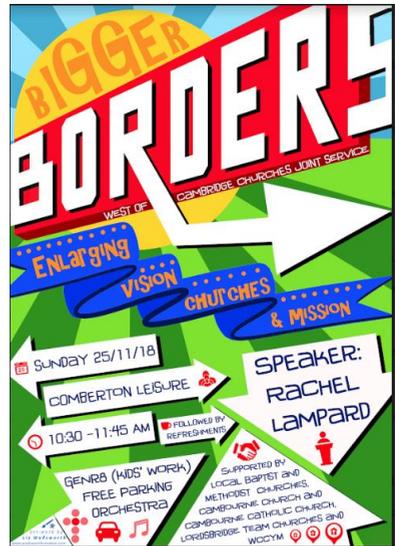
This year the sung worship will be led by a small orchestra of musicians drawn from across the churches. The children's work will

once again be led by GenR8. There will be a dedicated crèche area with video relay of the main service. The speaker is Rachel Lampard, the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference for 2016-17, and current leader of the Joint Public Issues Team, which has for many years been at the forefront of campaigns about UK poverty, nuclear weapons and climate change. She was a Commissioner with the Gambling Commission for 9 years and is an active member of Winchester Road Methodist church in Walthamstow.

Our church duty on this occasion is to help with set up and take down, along with Comberton Baptist Church.

Thank you

We're only able to do what we do as 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.



Higher Youth Mission – the legacy



Thanks for your prayers for the Higher Mission. Youth for Christ (Cambridge) who were key in organising this write: *“Within two weeks, the Higher Tour visited more than 30 schools across the region, and saw more than 10,000 young people in lessons, lunchtime concerts and Q&A sessions. We saw dancing in the aisles from teachers and students alike and young people getting their questions answered on everything from finding faith to deep theology. Schools with little contact with churches were shown a credible Christianity, and God did incredible things.*

Across three gigs, nearly two thousand young people heard the good news and were invited to begin a journey of discipleship with the local church. Of those young people 784 made a response to the gospel, and left with a Bible and details of follow-up sessions across the region, and that's just what we could see: we believe and pray the message spoken at the gigs may continue to bear fruit in the lives of young people, regardless of their response on the night.”

As a minimum, this demonstrates a high level of initial interest in the Christian message when presented in this vibrant way. Our challenge locally is how to follow-up with that interest and help young people become life-longer followers of Jesus. The tour certainly generated a buzz in our local secondary schools. Please pray for our WCCYM youth workers and the young people themselves, and that the “seeds planted will grow to bear fruit”.

Explore – Try Alpha

The Alpha course finishes on Thursday, 8 November. This has been a significant course for several people. Please pray that they will continue to grow in the understanding and experience of the love of Jesus and working that out in everyday life.



There will probably be another course run in the summer term, so if you know someone who would be interested, or would like to support it in some way, please speak with either Dan, Wil or Robbie.

Concert to raise funds for WCCYM youth work, Sat, 24 Nov

Venue: Comberton Leisure, CB23 7DU

Time: Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start

Tickets: £8 / £6 concessions

Licensed bar, and refreshments for sale.

Featuring: a Contemporary Folk Trio of outstanding alumni from Aldeburgh Young Musicians currently studying at Music Conservatoires (including Jonno Gaze); a local 6th form duo (Seth & Olly) writing original material for percussion, ukulele and voice; Cambourne Community Gospel Choir; and possibly a classical pianist – this promises to be another great evening out whilst raising funds for WCCYM's youth work. Tickets and further publicity will be available from Steve Gaze.

Talking about Death and Bereavement?

Death and bereavement is something that affects us all at various, often unexpected, times of life. We hope the sermons on these subjects, and the discussions in house-groups, will help us share more openly about it and we may be better placed to support each other. Pauline Blower has years of experience in helping others through bereavement and is available to help you if you would like.

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 September - December. As far as possible, we try to pray 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.