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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.



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, 7 October



Our guest speaker at this term's café church is Revd Deborah McVey. Deborah was Chairman and Bereavement Care Fellow (Upgraded) at Addenbrooke's Hospital until retiring earlier this year. Her role included a particular interest in supporting children, young people and their families during their time in hospital. She will be sharing about her work, faith and life, and some of the challenges and encouragements she faced in seeking to support people in such difficult circumstances. Where was God?



Please pray for Deborah who has a bad leg infection that took a while to diagnose and has left her in a lot of pain and dosed up with various medications to get it and the pain under control. We hope she will be able to visit us on another occasion.

Local Baptist Cluster Tea and Church Service, 7 Oct



**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. On Sunday, 7 October, it will be hosted by Gamlingay Baptist Church, starting with a tea and 5pm followed by an evening service starting about 6pm. You can attend either or both events, and children are welcome too.

Special events coming up in November

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).

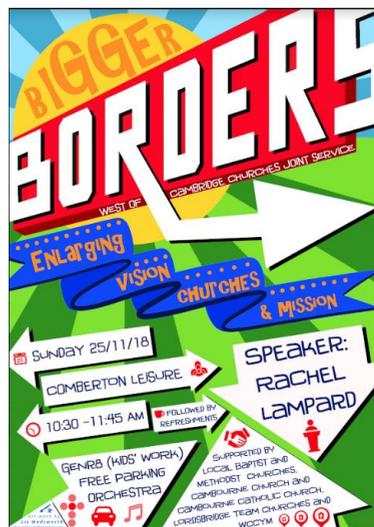
Remembrance Sunday, **11 Nov** – One hundred years since the first Armistice Day at the end of the First World War, we will join with St Mary's Church and others from the village in a service of remembrance and commitment to peace, starting by the village sign at 10:40am. There will also be a children's group in the St Mary's portacabin.

Fundraising Concert for WCCYM, Sat, **24 Nov** – Steve is planning another concert, this time at Comberton Leisure. Performers are in the process of being finalised.

Joint Church Service, Sunday, **25 Nov** – the annual Sunday morning service at Comberton Leisure for congregations from various denominations and local villages. Our church duty on this occasion is to help with set up and take down, along with Comberton Baptist Church.

A short video by the speaker, Rachel Lampard, about the theme of the service is available here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/10df6gj0n30pk1s/Rachel%20%20Borders%20event_01.mp4?dl=0



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 – coming in October



Higher Cambs 2018 is an initiative of The Message Trust delivered by Cambridge and District Youth for Christ working with Cambridgeshire based churches and youth agencies. The Message Trust was founded by Andy Hawthorne and is based in Manchester. Young people spend most of their time in school and so the aim is to see 4 talented bands deliver 30 school days across the region. There will be a band in Cambourne Village College on Mon, 8 Oct, and in Comberton Village College on Tues, 9 Oct. They will take part in RE, PSHE, Dance, Music lessons, and assemblies as is considered useful and helpful in each school, as well as a lunchtime performance and discussion. At the end of the week, on the Friday evening, there will be a concert at the Junction, Cambridge, to which students from the schools visited that week will be invited.

For those young people in our villages who are interested in exploring the Christian faith further after these events, WCCYM will be hosting:

- Thirst on Sunday evening, 14 October
- Youth Cafes at Comberton Baptist Church and Cambourne over half-term
- Lunchtime discussion groups in Comberton and Cambourne Village Colleges

Please pray for this big initiative, and for the follow up, that will be co-ordinated in our villages by WCCYM in association with local churches.

Explore – Try Alpha



The Alpha course started on Thursday, 13 September, for 9 weeks finishing on Thursday, 8 November. 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.

There have been various people coming so far including from Hardwick, Toft, Comberton and Huntingdon.

Please continue to pray for this group and for what to do when it finishes.

Young Church

Young Church is what is happening with our children on Sunday mornings in the Community Room whilst the adults and older young people continue with their Bible teaching, prayer and worship in the School Hall. We value time together as a whole congregation and time when we can learn, pray and worship in more age-appropriate contexts. Adults, please pray for the children and their leaders and parents as they explore together. Children, please pray for the adults and older young people as they explore together.

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgements, and his paths beyond tracing out!” [Romans 11:33]
However much we know and experience, there is still so much more!

Memory Verse

The daytime Bible study group has been learning a memory verse (or two). Maybe you could learn it too?

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. [Colossians 2:6-7]

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.