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# hardwick evangelical church

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## February 2019

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, the children then leave for Young Church which continues in the Community Room, while the rest of the congregation stay in the main school hall. This enables us to explore who God is in more age-appropriate ways. Sometimes we stay as all-ages throughout the morning service to worship, pray and learn together. Please see the calendar inside for what's happening on specific Sundays.



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.

## Preparing for change

One of the challenges with the discussions and preparation for Brexit is that we're all aware that change is coming, but the exact nature of the change, and therefore how best to prepare for it, is difficult to define for all sorts of reasons.

On a much smaller scale, this is true for a lot of life. In the UK we have an annual cycle of seasons - spring, summer, autumn, and winter – and each one brings its changing situations for which we plan and adapt, and try to use to our advantage. We know spring is coming, but we don't know if it will be wet or dry, early or late, following a severe or mild winter. We don't know the detail, but we know it will come and, as a gardener, I need to get my seed potatoes so I'm ready to plant at the right time.

With Cambridgeshire being a growth area in employment and population, there are plans for long term developments in housing and infrastructure, and this will affect us a church. Please continue to pray for our local church leaders, our parish, district and county councils, our national government, etc, that we will have the wisdom and resilience to be ready to thrive with the changes that are coming at whatever level.



*The first houses in the new development behind Grace Crescent, Hardwick. Photo taken 12 Jan 2019. The developer, Hill, is currently advertising this on their website as: "Meridian Fields is an exciting new collection of 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes, located in the quaint village of Hardwick, Cambridgeshire."*

## Mission link – Lisa Kent Trust

The Lisa Kent Trust was set up by Liz and Giles Tinkler, a local Hardwick family following several trips to the country in the early 2000s, to “help the children of the Gambia, Africa, have a brighter future”. They do this particularly by advancing the education of young people through providing, maintaining and equipping schools. The work of Lisa Kent Trust is undertaken through three schools: two nursery or “Early Childhood Development” schools and a “Lower Basic” school. Further sites for additional ECD Schools are currently being evaluated.

Recently, Liz Tinkler and Julia Catley (from Comberton Baptist Church), two of the UK Trustees, were invited to the Gambian embassy in London to meet the (very tall) Deputy Commissioner, Mr Bojang (see photo). He was very impressed with the work of the charity and plans to visit their schools when he is next visiting the Gambia.



One of the Trustees is also trained as an assessor for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, as the Trust are able to facilitate residentials for young people working on a project together as part of their Gold Award.

If you would like to find out more about the Lisa Kent Trust, please take a copy of their latest newsletter from the information table in the foyer, or visit their website: [www.lisakenttrust.org](http://www.lisakenttrust.org)

## Tuesday mornings at St Mary's



From 9:30-11am on Tuesday mornings in term-time at St Mary's Church, Hardwick, there are: coffee, croissants, conversation, Bible stories and activities for under 5 year olds and their carers. This initiative was started by Beth Cope (former Pioneer Curate with Lordsbridge Team) with help from St Mary's congregation. With Beth moving on last year to start Pathfinder Church in Northstowe, Clare Bigg took on leading the group, and we are pleased that Liz Wadsworth (our Children and Families Worker) is now helping lead the group twice a month.

If you know people who might appreciate going along, please let them know, or chat with Liz to find out more.



## Peaching series – spring term

Over the weeks from the beginning of February up until Easter, the preaching series for the main congregation will centre around the person, work and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We'll start with an overview of the teaching and understanding of who the Holy Spirit is in the Old and New Testaments, and the concept of one God as Trinity, We'll then explore the work, fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit as taught in the Bible and worked out in our personal and church lives in 2019.

During these weeks, Young Church and the Youth will be following different series, with Young Church starting with a series giving an overview of the big Bible Story and summarising that in 24 words. This is based on some material that Liz and David Wadsworth have been developing.

## Supporting growth on Sunday mornings

It is encouraging to see our children growing up, growing in numbers, and growing spiritually. It's also encouraging to welcome young people of secondary school age and adults who have recently started worshipping with us.

Most Sunday mornings, after time spent together as a whole church family, we will spend time in different groups for young church, youth, and adults. How to cater for the needs of our groups and facilitate further growth at our different ages and stages of development is a challenging opportunity. We are currently reorganising the children's and youth groups and this may mean that on occasions one, or more, of the musicians will go out to help with Young Church or the Youth, and someone else will pick up with leading the remainder of the main service. This gives an opportunity to explore and develop new things with the adults as well as the children and young people.

## Presence

Every couple of months we meet on a Sunday evening for our "Presence" service - an opportunity to worship God together with space to listen to and share what he's saying to us, and to pray for healing and help.

The next Presence evening is Sunday, 3 February, meeting in the school hall from 7:15 for about an hour.



## 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.

## 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.*

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