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## April 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.

## 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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## WCCYM Weekend report



The WCCYM Weekend took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March at Burwell House. Nearly 30 young people of secondary school and sixth form age (schools years 7-13) had an amazing time. Ask them about the talent show, talks on prayer, Inspector Cluedo, pancakes for breakfast, sung worship, team games, gunging, prayer room, or simply their highlight from the weekend.



Thanks also to the fantastic leaders, including volunteers, and to the churches and individuals who give to WCCYM, which means events like this can take place.

Visit the WCCYM website and facebook pages for more photos.



And, WCCYM are taking a group to Soul Survivor again this summer, 17-22 August (Week B). This will be the last summer of Soul Survivor Festivals. Bookings forms are available at the information table, or see Steve or Susie.

## Try Alpha – introductory sessions

We'll be holding 2 special "try Alpha" sessions which will both cover the first alpha session. Please take the opportunity to invite a friend, neighbour or colleague to one or both of the following:

Everyone has questions...



**Weds evening, 24 April** – Try Alpha at the Thomsons' house, 22 Laxton Ave, Hardwick, 7:30 - 9:30pm. For catering purposes it would be helpful to let Robbie or Susie know if you or a friend plans to go.



**Sunday morning, 28 April** – Try Alpha at Café Church at Hardwick Primary School, Limes Rd, Hardwick. Starting 10:30am finish by midday. Breakfast, pastries, hot drinks, Alpha Session 1, in main school hall, with special Young Church session in the Community Room.

## Sabbatical leave for Kate & Steve

Many organisations, including churches, have provision for employees to take a "sabbatical". The idea comes from the Biblical principle of having a day of rest (Sabbath) each week, and a year of rest every seven years. How this was worked out for the Jews (in the Bible) was a source of much debate. And today there are many variations of sabbatical leave, if indeed it exists at all.

Hardwick Evangelical Church have kindly agreed (at the Church Business Meeting on 12 March) that Kate and Steve could have 3 months sabbatical leave from June – August this year. During that time, Kate and Steve will not be carrying out their regular church responsibilities, and some of the time will be spent on annual leave. Kate will use some of the time to complete a study module towards her potential Baptist Minister accreditation, and also to write up some theological research. Steve is looking at linking up with a prison chaplaincy, and finding out more about initiatives among churches to reach new housing developments.

We're starting the process of ensuring there is relevant cover in place while Kate and Steve are on sabbatical. Please chat with one of the leadership team if you have questions or suggestions.

## Hardwick Community Centre Planning Group

Consultation is underway for the new Hardwick Community Centre, which will replace the loss to the wider community of some of the primary school facilities. Indicative plans were shown at a recent public meeting, and will be circulated to our church email group by email. A preferred architect has been chosen, subject to confirmation by the Parish Council. The brief to the architect will take into account feedback from the indicative plans, so please do respond. Think about how this new facility might work for us as a church, as well as other user groups, or potential new groups wanting a day-time or evening meeting space.

St Mary's Church are also in advanced stages of fund-raising and planning to build a Community Hall that will replace (and more) the portacabin.

Please pray for both these initiatives.

## Some special Easter events at St Mary's Church

There are various opportunities to take time over Easter to spend time thinking and praying over the events in the life of Jesus. There are some events and services mentioned elsewhere that our church is organising. There are also some special events that St Mary's Church are organising that you, or friends, might find helpful.

**Easter Fun morning**, Tuesday, 16 April, 10:30-midday. Crafts, activities, refreshments, bible story, and Easter Jigsaw pieces to find – aimed at parents and carers with children aged 2-10 years old.

**Maundy Thursday**, 18 April, 7:30pm. Simple service with hand-washing, communion and stripping the church.

**Good Friday**, 19 April, 10am – 1pm. The church will be open with artwork and suggestions for prayer and reflection based on seven paintings by the Ethiopian artist, Nebiyu Assefa. Come and go in your own time, and remember the events on and surrounding Good Friday.

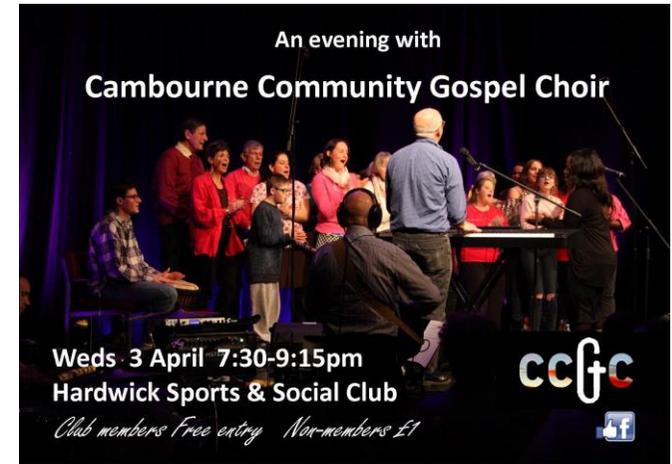


**Silent Saturday**, 20 April. Church open for quiet prayer and reflection until 5pm.

## Gospel Choir gig

Cambourne Community Gospel Choir is about "igniting community spirit through music that celebrates God's love for everyone". What better place to do that than in a pub? They've sung in the Monkfield Arms (Cambourne) several times but this is their first visit to Hardwick

Sports and Social Club. Come along and bring a friend. You might even recognise some of the choir and find yourself singing along!



## Easter Jigsaw & Easter Café

From **Palm Sunday** onwards (**14 April**) we will be hiding jigsaw pieces around the village in brightly coloured plastic eggs,



## Decorate an Egg COMPETITION

As part of our Easter celebration we would like to invite children and adults alike to get creative and enter our decorate an egg competition.



including an invitation to the Easter Café at 3pm in the school hall on **Easter Sunday**, where we'll be making the jigsaw with the pieces that have been found and brought along. Please encourage anyone and everyone to join in. There will also be an Easter Egg decoration competition. Invitation flyers are available on Sundays or from Steve and Kate.

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Setup/Takedown:</b> Ben <b>Welcome:</b> Charlie & Lorraine <b>PA:</b> Steve <b>Band:</b> Steve <b>Speaker:</b> Kate, Gifts of the Spirit <b>Young Church:</b> Linda, Liz W, Helen/Dan, Kate H. Wil <b>Youth:</b>	<b>March 31</b> From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning service	<b>1 Apr</b>  7.30pm House Group at 19 School Lane, Toft	<b>2</b>  8pm Leaders Meeting	<b>3</b> 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church  10:15am Daytime Housegroup at 6 Merton Walk  7.30pm Cambourne Community Gospel Choir at Hardwick Sports & Social Club	<b>4</b>  8pm Prayer meeting at 6 Merton Walk	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am Pippin's Café
<b>Setup/Takedown:</b> Ben <b>Welcome:</b> David & Julie <b>PA:</b> Dan <b>Band:</b> Wil, Lorraine, Robbie <b>Speaker:</b> Steve <b>Young Church:</b> ? <b>Youth:</b>	<b>7 Apr</b> From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning service with Communion in first part  3pm Gracefield	<b>8</b>  7.30pm House Group at 19 School Lane, Toft	<b>9</b>  8pm Preachers Meeting	<b>10</b> 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church	<b>11</b>  8pm House Group at 22 Laxton Ave	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Setup/Takedown:</b> Dave <b>Welcome:</b> Pauline & Wil <b>PA:</b> Steve <b>Band:</b> Steve, David & Julie, Dave S, Jane <b>Speaker:</b> Kate G <b>Young Church:</b> ? <b>Youth:</b> in Young Church	<b>14</b> From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning Service	<b>15</b>  7.30pm House Group at 19 School Lane, Toft	<b>16</b> Easter Fun morning at St Mary's Church  8pm Leaders Meeting	<b>17</b> 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Good Friday St Mary's open from 10am-1pm for quiet reflection and prayer	<b>20</b>
<b>Setup/Takedown:</b> Dan <b>Welcome:</b> Helen M & Liz P <b>PA:</b> Dan <b>Band:</b> Steve, + <b>Speaker:</b> Kate G <b>Young Church:</b> All age service <b>Youth:</b> All age service	<b>21</b> From 10am prayer 10.30 Easter Sunday with Communion  3-4 pm Easter Café	<b>22</b> Bank Holiday	<b>23</b>  8pm Trustees Meeting	<b>24</b> 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church  10:15am Daytime Housegroup at 6 Merton Walk  7:30pm. Try Alpha Session 1, 22 Laxton Ave.	<b>25</b>  8pm House Group at 22 Laxton Ave	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Setup/Takedown:</b> Dave <b>Welcome:</b> Malcolm & Julie <b>PA:</b> ? <b>Band:</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Robbie / Dan / Wil <b>Young Church:</b> ? <b>Youth:</b> in Café Church	<b>28</b> From 10am prayer 10.30 Café Church – Try Alpha Session 1	<b>29</b>  7.30pm House Group at 19 School Lane, Toft	<b>30</b>  8pm Leaders Meeting	<b>1 May</b> 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church  10:15am Daytime Housegroup at 6 Merton Walk  7:30pm. Alpha Session 2, 22 Laxton Ave	<b>2</b>  8pm Prayer meeting at 6 Merton Walk	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10am Pippin's Café