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October 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 and young people 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 July-October. 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
by Wednesday morning before the last Sunday of the month and put 'Newsheet' in the subject line.*

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Welcome back, Steve and Kate!

Thank you so much for giving us the privilege of taking a 3-month sabbatical from our regular church commitments during June, July and August. The sabbatical included some holiday time during which Joe made rapid improvement on cycling his tricycle culminating in a 4 mile ride along the Tissington Trail in the Peak District.

The sabbatical was an opportunity to take a break from the routine, follow up on some particular projects, and to have time and space to reflect and relax.



Kate completed the online course in Baptist History (with Spurgeon's College) required as part of the process of her becoming an accredited Baptist Minister. The next step big in that journey is the Residential Selection Conference in November, though there is a book review and other assignments to do before that.

Steve combined various strands of his life to do some voluntary work in Whitemoor prison, both with the Chaplaincy and the SingInside charity. Activities included 2 Sunday morning services, Bible studies, Prayer meetings, teaching music notation, and participating in singing workshops and performance with SingInside. Also, during this period Steve attended court in London twice to support Richard's bail application and has continued to support him in the accommodation he has been allocated in Bradford.

Our Sunday mornings were shared between 2 different churches that we wanted to get to know a bit better: Christchurch Cambourne, and River Church St Neots. It was again a privilege to worship with and learn from fellow Christians of different backgrounds, and to have no other responsibilities.

Huge thanks to all of you, including the Leaders and Trustees, the visiting speakers, and all who stepped into new roles, or did additional things in our absence, and planned the month of prayer in September. It has been exciting seeing these things happen and we look forward to what God has next for us all as a church and as individuals. God is good!

WCCYM fundraising

Susie Thomson's sponsored walk of 24 miles between multiple villages west of Cambridge raised £1500 plus £1000 of match funding to continue the vital work WCCYM carries out with young people west of Cambridge.

It is still possible to donate, at www.wccym.co.uk or via this link:

www.wonderful.org/fundraiser/wccymsponsoredwalk-6acaa582



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

The next day, Monday, 21 October, there is a Baptist Cluster prayer meeting and it is our turn to host that. The prayer meeting will be in the Community Room (Hardwick Primary School) starting at 8pm.

September Prayer Follow-up

Having spent the month of September praying about our future, our plans and what to do with the gift we were given earlier in the year, the leaders and trustees have been really encouraged by the sense that we are all making the time and space to try and hear what God might be saying to us individually and as a church. It would be good to gather up thoughts, ideas, prayers, pictures, visions and verses



that may have come as a result, so that they can be thought and prayed about at the leaders and trustees away day on 11 October.

There are a few ways to feed back what you have been praying about or what you think God might have been saying to you over these past few weeks.

1. On Sunday 29 September and 6 October we will have a post box out at the back of church. You could jot down on a piece of paper or on a prayer card anything you've been praying about or anything you feel God might have been laying on your heart and then pop that paper or card into the post box.
2. Reply to the email that went around the church email list on 24 September. This email came from the generic Hardwick Evangelical Church address so if you'd like you can just hit reply and send us your thoughts. Whilst this won't be entirely anonymous, there will only be one person of the leadership/trustees team who will access this and take the names off the emails.
3. Please feel free to come and chat to any of the church leadership team. We'd be more than happy to chat and hear what it is you have been thinking and praying about these last few weeks.

Kathleen and Stuart Rochester – International Teaching Partners

Kathleen and Stuart lived in Hardwick from 2006-2009 while Kathleen was the Minister (part-time) of Hardwick Evangelical Church. Kathleen and Stuart also completed PhDs in theology during that time. They then returned to Australia, their home country, and set up International Teaching Partners through which they fulfil God's call on their lives to help people from many nations to better understand and teach the Bible and put its teaching into practice. This is largely done as visiting lecturers in various Theological Seminaries around the world.

In the past few months they have taught in the Philippines and Ukraine. They are visiting Tyndale House in Cambridge for 3 weeks in Sept / Oct before travelling to Latvia.

Kathleen will be preaching in our series on 1 Samuel on Sunday, 29 Sept. On Thursday, 3 October, there will be further opportunity catch up with them, to learn more about their work and to pray for them at the prayer meeting at 6 Merton Walk, Hardwick (starting 7.30 pm).



Hardwick village climate crisis meeting

Please do consider supporting this village initiative on Tues 15th Oct, 6.45pm at the school. The Hardwick Community Association writes: "Many communities are coming together to see how they can collectively reduce their carbon and greenhouse gas emissions. Shaun Hughes in Hardwick has organised an inaugural meeting at the school on Tuesday 15th October 6.45pm, for about an hour, to come together and share our knowledge and agree what actions can be taken to have the biggest impact on the village's carbon footprint. There are funds to support local projects and ideas will be discussed at this meeting. Please share these details with as many residents as possible. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to be involved please contact smghughes@gmail.com or call/message 07989 739791."

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Setup/Takedown: Dan Welcome: David and Julie Gaze PA: Dan Band: Susie, Rachel Speaker: Kathleen Rochester, 1Sam. 27, 29 & 30. Young Church: Susie, Amber; Liz P, Linda & Claire-Louise 1:1 Youth: Robbie, Steve G1:1	29 Sept From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning Service	30 7.30pm House group at 19 School Lane, Toft	1 Oct 8pm Leaders meeting	2 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church 10:15am House group at 6 Merton Walk	3 7.30 pm Prayer meeting at 6 Merton Walk – Mission Focus with Stuart & Kathleen Rochester	4	5 10am Pippin's Café
Setup/Takedown: Dave Welcome: Pauline & Wil PA: Dave Band: Iris Speaker: Kate G, 1Sam. 31 & 2Sam. 1. Young Church: Helen M, Helen H, Rachel, Wil 1:1 Youth: Susie, Ben, Kate H 1:1	6 From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning service with Communion 3.00pm Gracefield	7 7.30pm House group at 19 School Lane, Toft	8	9 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church 10:15am House group at 6 Merton Walk	10 8pm House Group at 22 Laxton Ave	11 9.30am – 3.00pm Leaders & Trustees Away Day, Childerley	12
Setup/Takedown: Dave Welcome: Helen, Liz P, Jane PA: Wil Band: Wil, Lorraine Speaker: Kate Gaze, 1Thess.1 Young Church: Linda, Jemima; Liz P, Wil 1:1 Youth: Dan, Rachel Steve 1:1	13 From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning service 6pm Meal then <i>Thirst</i> – youth service, Comberton Baptist	14 7.30pm House group at 19 School Lane, Toft	15 8pm Leaders meeting	16 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church 10:15am House group at 6 Merton Walk	17 8pm House Group at 22 Laxton Ave	18	19
Setup/Takedown: Ben Welcome: Malcolm & Julie C PA: Steve Band: Steve, Dave, David, Julie, Jane Speaker: Soula Charalambous, 1Thess. 2 Young Church: Ben, Dan; Helen M, Linda 1:1 Youth: Iris, Kate H1:1	20 From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning Service with Communion 5pm Baptist Cluster Tea 6pm Baptist Cluster Service, both at Barton Baptist	21 8pm Baptist Cluster prayer meeting, Hardwick, Community Room	22	23 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church	24	25	26
Setup/Takedown: Dave Welcome: David & Julie G PA: Robbie (tbc) Band: Iris Speaker: Michael Charalambous, 1Thess.3 Young Church: Susie, Claire-Louise. Wil, Linda Amber 1:1 Youth: Robbie, Steve 1:1	27 From 10am prayer 10.30 Morning Service	28 7.30pm House group at 19 School Lane, Toft	29 8pm Church meeting, Community Room	30 9am Village prayers at St Mary's Church 10:15am House group at 6 Merton Walk	31 8pm House Group at 22 Laxton Ave	1 Nov	2 10am Pippin's Café