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February 2020

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.

Church Lounge?

In March / April we will be vacating our church office from the upstairs unit in Broadway House on St Neots Rd, Hardwick, and moving into a larger, ground floor unit in the same building. This unit is big enough to be more than an office, with accessible opportunities for drop-ins, small group gatherings, 1:1s, as well as office and a small church library.

But what should we call this new space? We don't want to refer to it as an office, because that only describes a part of the space, and isn't so inviting for people to drop in. We've considered the name "Church



Hub" which kind of conveys a positive sense of being at the heart of action (eg hub of a wheel). Or what about "Church Lounge" which possibly conveys a more welcoming place to meet and challenges us to deliver what the name says? Or maybe you have suggestion?

We are very grateful for a generous gift that, amongst other things, allows us to take up this opportunity. We hope and pray that it will facilitate further growth as we respond to the ongoing call to share the good news of Jesus with people in Hardwick and surrounding villages.

We're recruiting

In February we will start advertising locally and nationally for a Children and Families Worker. Please pray that we find the right person to consolidate and build on the work that is already in place.



Children and Families Worker 2 - 3 days per week

Are you passionate about seeing children and their families meet Jesus and follow him wholeheartedly? Do you have a heart for local community-based ministry?

We're looking for a committed and enthusiastic person to join us in Hardwick Evangelical Church, in a village near Cambridge.

Closing date: 13th Mar 2020, start date negotiable.

More info: hardwickevangelical@gmail.com or 01954 211900

A genuine occupational requirement exists for the post-holder to be a Christian and subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Presence – Sun, 1 March

Our next “Presence” evening will be on Sunday, 1 March, starting at 7:30pm for about an hour, in the school hall. The evening is 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.



Celebrate together

We invite you to join with our congregation, family and friends as Kate Gaze is formally ordained as a Baptist Minister. People will be travelling from around the country to join us as we celebrate with Kate and hear something of how God has been working in Kate’s life over the years to bring her to this point, and to pray for her in the next steps.

Hardwick Evangelical Church
warmly invites you to the
Ordination Service
for
Kate Gaze
Saturday 7th March 2020 at 4 pm
followed by refreshments
meeting at
Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary School
Limes Road, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7RE
RSVP by 21st February with number of people attending to hardwickevangelical@gmail.com

Kate will also be attending the Eastern Baptist Association Ministers’ Conference, 24 – 26 February.

Gracefield



Gracefield Nursing & Residential Home accommodates up to 17 residents, and specialises in caring for elderly people with dementia, mental disability or learning difficulties. A small team from our congregation, co-ordinated by Dave Sage, together with one or two people from St Mary's church, lead a short service once a month at the home for any resident, carer, or visitor who wishes to participate. The service is usually on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, at 3pm. Communion is also offered to those who want to take it. If you would like to join the team, or find out about how you could support this work, please speak with Dave.

Pippin's Café

This community café was set up and is facilitated by a steering group from Hardwick Community Association, St Mary's Church and Hardwick Evangelical Church working together for Hardwick. The next Pippin's Cafe will be on Saturday, 7 March.

Whilst Pippin's prices are extremely reasonable, because all time is given voluntarily it makes a small "profit" so from time to time Pippin's are able to make donations to local community organisations. It is a great opportunity on your door step to meet up with friends for a drink and home baked cakes and to meet others from Hardwick, and nearby villages. If you're interested in baking, or helping on the day with setup, serving or washing up please see Julie Coulson or Steve Gaze.

You can **PEDAL FROM PIPPINS** on a cycle ride, leaving at 10:30am from Pippins Café. For more info speak to Charlie Bays.



Open:

1st Saturday of the month
10 am - 12 noon

Venue:

The Community Room
Hardwick Community Primary School

Pippin's

where people gather with friends, or make new friends;
where children and elderly are welcome;
where there is no urgency or rush;
where people matter more than time or money.

*Good tea, coffee and cold drinks,
a range of homemade cakes, and friendly company.*

WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries)

WCCYM is a partnership of local churches and individual Christians working together to support youth work in villages west of Cambridge. Hardwick Evangelical Church has actively supported WCCYM since it was started in 1992. Some of things coming up with WCCYM this term include:

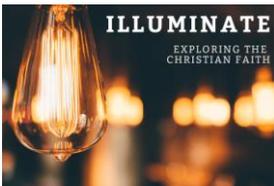


Thirst is WCCYM's monthly youth service held at Comberton Baptist Church on the second Sunday of the month – an opportunity to eat together, worship, hear someone share about something from the Bible or an aspect of faith (this could be a young person or adult sharing), and have time to pray. The purpose is to encourage young people in their faith. We meet at 6pm for the meal, and finish by 8.30pm.



This year's WCCYM Weekend will be from Friday 13th - Sunday 15th March at Burwell House and is for young people of secondary school and sixth form age (school years 7-13). The weekend is packed with lots of activities such as talks and discussions, team-building games, wide games, sports, crafts, with plenty of time to relax and hang out with friends. For booking forms or more information please speak to Susie.

WCCYM youth workers are regularly in the local secondary schools and Comberton Sixth Form, helping with pastoral support for students as well as hosting Christian Union groups at lunchtime, and taking the occasional assembly or PSHE lesson.



A 7-week course called 'Illuminate' started on Weds, 22 Jan, for young people interested in exploring the Christian faith. It will be followed by a 3 week course on preparing for baptism or confirmation.

If you volunteer with WCCYM events, or are interested in doing so, please see Susie about a WCCYM volunteers and youth workers evening planned for Monday, 1 March.

For a fuller overview of WCCYM's work please take a copy of their recent annual report from the information table, or visit their website: www.wccym.co.uk

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 February to May. 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.

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.

Membership

We are a membership-led church, i.e. major issues are voted on at our business meetings. If you are interested in becoming a member of the church please speak to one of the leaders. More information on our website under "Who we are".

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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