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January 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.

~~Try the gym~~
Try a new hobby ✓
~~Try couch to 5k~~
Try healthy eating ✓
Try Church?

Whether it's for the first time or the first time in years, why not try church this January?

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Welcome to January 2020 - a new month, a new year, a new decade – and welcome to “Try Church”

Our church services will run more or less as usual with sung worship, prayers, children’s and youth groups and sermon for adults, followed by refreshments. The sermon series will consider different aspects of who Jesus is and what it means to be a Christian. We will be looking at different stories that Jesus used to help his followers understand who God is, and his interest in our lives.

Maybe Sunday mornings don’t work for some. How about coming to a mid-week small group or to Presence (evening service) on Sunday evening, 19 Jan? Details of when and where these groups meet can be found in the calendar in the middle of this news sheet. We want you to taste and see that coming to church can be a positive experience - and if you come back in February it won’t be vastly different.

Baptist Cluster Tea & Presence Service – Sun, 19 Jan

Once a term we get together with other local Baptist churches, have tea together followed by an evening service. This term it is our turn to host the tea and service at Hardwick School on **Sunday 19th January**. The tea will be at 5pm in the Community Room. As hosts, we provide the savoury food and guests bring dessert.

The tea will be followed by 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. We’ll start about 6pm and the service will last about 1¼ hours.



Church Business Meeting – Tues, 28 Jan

We regularly (about 4 times a year) hold meetings for exchanging information, discussing and making decisions about issues that affect the church – the Church Business Meeting. The main agenda item for the forthcoming meeting on 28 Jan, is the provisional budget for the financial year 2020-21.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting and participate in the discussions, but only members can vote. We are a membership-led church, which means that issues are voted on by the members, rather than just the leaders. If you would like to become a member, please speak to one of the leaders (Currently, Steve Gaze, Kate Gaze, Pauline Blower and Robbie Thomson). They will then arrange to come and discuss more with you, hear about your journey of faith and answer any further questions you have about membership.

Thank you

Huge thanks to everyone in Hardwick Evangelical Church - and friends, family, neighbours and colleagues. You have helped extend the Christmas celebration to include not only the church congregation but also the wider community.

Twenty food hampers were carefully wrapped, filled and delivered to Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary School. The school



ensured the hampers were passed on to people who might appreciate them, and initial feedback has been

very positive. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed financially, with items, wrapping, packing, etc, especially to Robbie who had the initial vision for the project and managed the whole process.

The outdoor nativity scene reached its 9th year. We built the first one on 17 Dec, 2011. The youtube video compiled from a photo montage of the first one being built has reached nearly 5000 views, from all around the world.

This year, the photo opposite, taken by Nigel Palfrey (Hardwick resident) was



published in the Cambridge News as their “photo of the day”. About 180 people came to sing carols at the Nativity Scene on Christmas Eve, nearly 150 goodie bags were given away, and everyone enjoyed the Christmas refreshments.

And the Christmas Carol Service with the specially delivered messages. And the Christmas assembly in the primary school. And the Gracefield’s Christmas Service. And ... so much to be thankful for.

WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries)

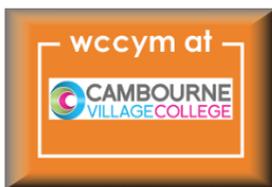
WCCYM is a partnership of local churches and individual Christians working together to support youth work in villages west of Cambridge. Hardwick Evangelical Church has actively supported WCCYM since it was started in 1992. Some of things coming up with WCCYM this term include:



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 (schools 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 youthworkers 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' starts on Weds, 22 Jan, for young people interested in exploring the Christian faith.

For a fuller overview of WCCYM's work please 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 October to January. 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.

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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