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## **News sheet for October 2020**

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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.

## What's On?



Until we can meet again in person we continue to meet online using Zoom. Links for joining Zoom meetings are circulated by email in advance. To request a link to join any of the meetings below please email [minister.hechurch@gmail.com](mailto:minister.hechurch@gmail.com) or call 01954 212566.

If you need help setting up Zoom on your device please let us know.

Sunday morning services are also on our YouTube channel, which you can access from our church website or church Facebook page.

### Regular Zoom meetings

#### Sundays, 10.30 am

Service with songs, prayers and a talk. There is time to chat as people log in from about 10am, and after the service in smaller break-out groups.

If you would like to invite somebody to join please feel free to pass on the link, and please let Robbie or Enid know that they might come.

Services are also streamed to [YouTube](#). Past services can be found on our [Sundays Online](#) page.

We also are planning to start **some Sunday afternoons** meeting in person – see elsewhere in this newsheet for more details.

#### Mondays

7.30 – 9.00 pm Housegroup (contact Pauline Blower for more info)

#### Wednesdays

9.00 – 9.30 am Hardwick Village Prayers with St Mary's Church, Hardwick (contact Steve Gaze for more info)

3.30 – 4.30 pm Zoom Drop-In

#### Thursdays

8.00 – 9.30 pm Housegroup (contact Robbie Thomson for more info)

### Other Zoom meetings

#### First Thursday of each month

8.00 – 9.00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

#### Friday, 2 October

8.00 – 9:30 pm Planning for Christmas with a difference

## Meeting Jesus as introduced to us by Mark's Good News, The Bible

On Sunday mornings we are going to spend most of this term looking at Mark's gospel. You might like to read the chapters in advance as we make our way through the gospel. We are looking at Jesus' story and will encounter him in lots of different (and sometimes difficult) situations. As we read and listen, we might ask ourselves the following questions:



- 1 How does my appreciation of Jesus grow through what I have read/heard today?
- 2 How does what I have read/heard help me follow Jesus more faithfully?
- 3 Who can I share this with, and how will I go about doing so?

4 October, Mark 4.35—ch.5 : Jesus' power over all creation

11 October, Mark 6 : Opposition leads to evangelistic growth

18 October, Mark 7-8.30 : Various messages to Jews

25 October, Mark 8.31--ch.9 : Jesus' messiahship & death revealed

While we are having services online we are having shorter sermons than when we met in person. This month, we are experimenting with have an optional discussion group as one of the breakout groups at the end of the Sunday morning service. This gives anyone the opportunity to explore the week's passage in more depth, either by asking questions or the preacher sharing some things they didn't have time to say in the service, or a bit of both.

Also the Thursday evening house-group is following the preaching series in their house-group, where there is opportunity to get deeper into what was said on Sunday, as well as exploring some of the surrounding text and addressing the 3 questions above that Kate has suggested we consider each week as we read through Mark's gospel.

## Meeting in person for worship as lockdown eases

Thank you very much to everyone who filled in the questionnaire regarding how you are finding meeting on line and your feelings about meeting together under the restrictions that were in place at the time of the questionnaire. (Since then very little has changed in terms of government guidance for gathering for worship, other than we can now access the toilets and a small group can sing to the congregation.)

Generally, people felt that online services were working well given in the circumstances, with some useful suggestions for ways we might tweak what we're doing. There was a range of feelings about meeting in person for a worship gathering under the current government guidance, with some people very keen to meet and others much more hesitant. This isn't really surprising given the diversity of people we have in the congregation.

We anticipate that our Sunday morning worship will continue via Zoom (with live-stream) for at least the next few months. In principle, the primary school is opening to limited community bookings starting 28 September. We are working towards holding a short Sunday afternoon service (2:30-3:15pm) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the month, for either Communion and Prayer, or a "Presence" style service. We'll email more details once everything is in place to go ahead with this.

Thank you all very much for your part in helping make services work as well as they have and for the ongoing encouragement and support for each other during these difficult times.

## Planning for Christmas with a difference?

Given the current government guidance, and the increasing concern over Covid going forward, it seems highly unlikely that we'll be able to host the usual Carol singing or other Christmas services this year. However, there will still be things we can do. For example:

- \* online,
- \* in person but socially distanced,
- \* delivering Christmas goodie bags (or having them collected)
- \* maybe even having a socially distant themed nativity scene
- \* a Christmas sing along recording, or video?

There may also be opportunities to do something (not Christmas related) in October half-term.

If you are interested in contributing ideas, and/or putting ideas into practice, please put Friday, 2 October, from 8pm in your diary. We'll send a Zoom link on the day. If you can't make that date but have some ideas or want to offer help, please let one of the leaders know.

## Marriage Course

The Marriage Course is a series of 7 videos and a workbook that are all accessible via our church website. Holy Trinity Brompton (who also pioneered and produce the Alpha Course) have made this course available for churches to host for free since lockdown started.



It's not too late to start, or finish, the Marriage Course, as the videos and links are all still available and will be for some time. It will help strengthen and develop your marriage whether you're recently married or have been married for years. [Marriage Course Online – click to follow the link.](#)

## Food and Essential Items Fund

Hardwick Network is a group of volunteers offering support to all members of the village, especially those shielding and self-isolating throughout the COVID pandemic. Volunteers can provide help with: collecting and delivering shopping; collecting prescription medications; keeping in contact over the phone. Visit [hardwicknetwork.co.uk](http://hardwicknetwork.co.uk) for a local support directory that includes: food banks; council schemes; debt and mental health advice; ways to support your local community and NHS. Visit [hardwicknetwork.co.uk](http://hardwicknetwork.co.uk) for more information.



Hardwick Network, in collaboration with Hardwick Evangelical Church, has also been successful in securing support from Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund for a 'Food and Essential Items Fund'. This fund is for residents of Hardwick who, due to changes in their situation caused by Covid-19, are unable to buy food or other essential household items. If you know of someone who needs help in this way, or maybe that is you, please do contact your local network volunteer (check your postcard), or contact Steve Gaze ([stevegaze@gmail.com](mailto:stevegaze@gmail.com))

## Prayer Diary

Please print off 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 and St Mary's Church pray for the same streets, so we can join together in this way.

## Giving

If you would like to give towards the work of the church, 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 or see our [Support page](#).

## 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](#)".

## Useful Contacts

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