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News sheet for December 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?



Meeting online

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 or call 01954 212566.

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

Online services are also on our [YouTube channel](#), which you can access from our [church website](#) or church [Facebook page](#).

In-person service, Sunday, 13 December, 2.45 – 3.30pm

Under the current Tier 2 restrictions, we are able to resuming meeting in person following very similar guidance to immediately before the 2nd lockdown. We plan to hold one in-person meeting this month. In January, we hope to be able to hold in-person meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons.

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. This zoom link should get you in to these Sunday Services, as well as our Christmas Day service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84205043686?pwd=bmRsl29OMHd3c1ZBT2Q1OUg3allBdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 0504 3686

Passcode: 637985

NB. There will be **no service on Sunday, 27 December**. This is an opportunity to visit another church, and to give our service team a rest.

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

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
([recurring meeting link HERE](#))

3.30 – 4.30 pm Zoom Drop-In - [recurring meeting link](#)

Thursdays

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

Other Zoom meetings

First Thursday of each month – 3 December

8.00 – 9.00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

Christmas Day

10:30am Christmas Day Service

Hardwick Advent Windows

Our Hardwick Advent Windows project has started! See below to find out how you can get involved.

For families with preschool and primary aged children - 50 Advent boxes have been delivered to those who have signed up. If you haven't signed up you can still get involved by downloading the activities and templates or contact us for a printed copy.

For teens and adults - An Advent calendar has been delivered through your door. Make sure you download the related resources for each day or contact us for a printed copy.



For all - Create an Advent Window for others to enjoy. See the photo for the images for each week. The images can be printed, bought decorations or created by hand. We would love you to share photos of your decorated windows on our Facebook page.

Also make time to view the Advent Windows each week, while you are out walking in the village.

New windows will be appearing throughout December and there is a map to download to show you the location of these. If you are staying home then we hope to post photos of these on our Hardwick Advent Windows Facebook page so like the page to keep up to date.

All the resources and information can be found by visiting www.hardwickchurch.co.uk or by clicking on the 'Learn More' button on the Hardwick Advent Windows Facebook page.



Advent window at 14 Ashmead Drive



Advent window at The Living Room (Church Office)

Annual Joint Church Services for villages west of Cambridge, 22 Nov



Thank you very much to everyone who helped plan, prepare, deliver and participate in the first ever online version of this service. It was great to join with fellow Christians on this Sunday. We estimate 400-500 people watched the service on the Sunday morning, with more than 100 people staying on to meet in Zoom breakout groups – including the guest speaker, Elaine Storkey.

BBC Radio Cambridge had the service in their headline news on the hour and half-hour in their Sunday Breakfast programme, and interviewed our own Steve Gaze live shortly before the service. You can watch the service again, or fast forward to your favourite parts at woces.online.church [Please note that you will be prompted to sign in, you don't need to do this to watch the service.]

One of the local church Ministers emailed their congregation describing the service as: *Hopeful words from writer, broadcaster, theologian and Coton church member Elaine Storkey. Musical lockdown compilations better than some services I've listened to on Radio 4! Thoughtful prayers and reflections from church ministers across the area.* We will certainly be using some of the collaborative song recordings in our regular Sunday services going forward.

Nativity Scene, a Hardwick Christmas Carol, & other Christmas plans



The **Outdoor Nativity Scene** will be built on **12 December** this year. With the current Tier 2 restrictions for Covid-19, we will not be able to hold our Christmas Eve carol singing at the Nativity Scene. However, there are other special plans for **Christmas Eve** at the Nativity Scene, encouraging people to visit and leave something between 4 and 6pm.

We are also planning to organise **groups of up to 6 carol singers** to go around the village on the evenings of **21 and 22 December**. We will advertise which streets are being visited via facebook and email, and will encourage people to join in the carol singing from their door-steps. If you would like to take

part in the carol singing, or know someone who would particularly appreciate a group of carol singers coming to their street, please let Steve know.

This year, we are again putting together **25 Christmas hampers** for families from Hardwick Primary School. A huge thank you to those of you who have already given towards the hamper scheme - we are very appreciative. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Robbie Thomson.



The Hardwick Christmas Carol is a collaboration between various musicians in the village to record an upbeat, folk-influenced arrangement of a well-known carol. The recording will be released on youtube on 13 December (hopefully), and shared on social media, email links, etc. The audio recording will be available for download so families and friends can make their own video if they would like to.

Our **Carol Service** will be on **Sunday, 20 December**. And we'll hold a **Christmas Day Service**. There will be no Sunday Service on 27 December. Please visit another church that day.

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 November 2020 – February 2021. 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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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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