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News sheet for January 2021

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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?

In-person services, postponed for time being

Under the current Tier 4 restrictions, "you can leave home to attend a place of worship for communal worship". However, technically our usual meeting place (the school) is effectively acting as a "community centre" in our context, not a "place of worship", and so we cannot meet there for worship under current Tier 4 restrictions.



Meeting online

We continue to meet online using Zoom. Links for joining Zoom meetings are circulated by email in advance, or are linked below.

If you need help setting up Zoom on your device please email minister.hechurch@gmail.com or call 01954 212556.

Online 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. [This zoom link](#) should get you in to our regular Sunday Morning Service:

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)
[click here for recurring Zoom link](#)

Wednesdays

9.00 – 9.30 am Hardwick Village Prayers with St Mary's Church, Hardwick
[click here for recurring meeting link](#)
 3.30 – 4.30 pm Zoom Drop-In - [click here for recurring meeting link](#)

Thursdays

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

Other Zoom meetings

First Thursday of each month – 7 January

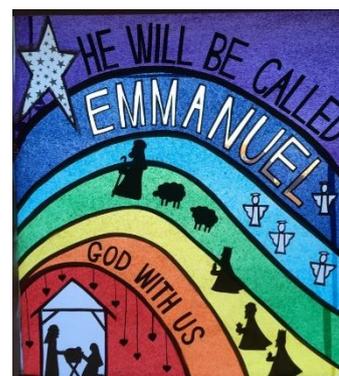
8.00 – 9.00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting, Zoom link will be sent separately

Church Business Meeting

Tuesday, 19 Jan, 8pm Zoom link to be sent separately

Thank you for helping people celebrate Christmas

Throughout December, all over Hardwick, people got involved in the **Hardwick Advent Windows project**. Some amazing window decorations appeared and were viewed in person, photos taken and shared on social media. Alongside this, *for families with preschool and primary aged children - 50 Advent boxes* were delivered to those who signed up. Each box contained craft activities for each week, a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible (JSBB), links to specially recorded video readings of the Christmas stories from the JSBB and more. *For teens and adults - An Advent calendar* was delivered through every door with the Christmas card from the churches with details of special Christmas activities and services. There were also details of related advent resources available for download or collection. 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.



Huge thanks to Rachel Huisman and her team, including people from St Mary's Church, who worked together to plan and deliver this project.

The **Outdoor Nativity Scene** was built on 12 December this year, and once again Hardwick Pre-School provided a special "baby Jesus". We weren't able to hold our Christmas Eve carol singing at the Nativity Scene because of the coronavirus pandemic. However, people did come between 4 and 6pm on Christmas Eve to hang a home-made star. Thanks again to Charlie, Wil, Robbie and team, including the Challis family, for planning, constructing, maintaining and dismantling the Nativity Scene – which is now such a part of Christmas in Hardwick.



This year, we again put together **25 Christmas hampers** for families from Hardwick Primary School. We also collaborated with Hardwick Network, St Mary's Church and other volunteers to help them deliver a further 25 hampers to people in Hardwick. Thank you to everyone who gave and helped with this project and especially to Robbie Thomson for having the vision and making it all happen. It has been very much appreciated.



On the evenings of 21 and 22 December, small groups of **carol singers** visited advertised routes on Hardwick streets and were joined by householders from their front doors, pathways and driveways. Others listened more discreetly from behind a window or garage but there was very positive feedback and it was very much appreciated.



Musicians from Hardwick collaborated to make a virtual recording of our own special Hardwick Evangelical Church arrangement of *in dulci jubilo*. We also made a video to go with it that included footage of people from the community (including: the Blue Lion, Hair Care Bunch, Hardwick Shop, Primary School, Pre-School & St Mary's Church) as well as some of the musicians.



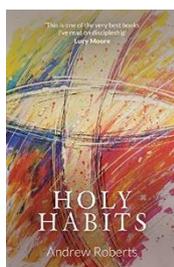
We held our **Carol Service** on 20 December, and a **Christmas Day Service**, both on Zoom with a live feed to youtube. The Christmas Day service also premiered the **Unscripted Nativity video**, which has since had about 4000 views on our church facebook page. Huge thanks to Susie & Robbie Thomson for driving this project, the children who told the story in their own words and all those helped with recording, filming and sharing.



Preaching Themes for the Spring Term

On Sunday mornings this term we're going to spend a few weeks looking at the adventure of discipleship, the calling of the disciples, the aims of discipleship, suffering and the sacrificial nature of discipleship, and signs and wonders.

Then we will intersperse some 'holy habits' that help us on our discipleship journey with passages from the New Testament where we see people working out what being a disciple looks like in their context.



Much of the discipleship and holy habits material is based on a book called 'Holy Habits' by Andrew Roberts. You might like to get a copy and read it for yourself. The aim of the series is for us as individuals and a congregation to adopt good habits that help us to be faithful, growing disciples.

Church business – Appointing a Minister

The leaders and trustees of Hardwick Evangelical Church recommend that Kate Gaze be appointed part-time (3.5 days/week) minister of the church from 1 April 2021.

This recommendation will be brought before the church at a members' business meeting to be held on 19 January 2021. The leaders and trustees propose that the church accept their recommendation, and ask for a member's vote to indicate either acceptance or rejection of the recommendation, or abstention.

Paperwork for the church meeting has been emailed to the church address list, and voting papers delivered to all church members. Please contact Enid if you have not received the paperwork.

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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