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News sheet for February 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 Covid 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 restrictions. And when we are allowed to meet again in person, it is likely to be governed by some fairly stringent guidelines to minimise the risk of spreading coronavirus



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

9:50-10:20 am Prayer ahead of the Sunday morning service (starting 14 Feb).
Link available from Pauline.

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

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

Church Business Meeting

Tuesday, 9 Feb, 8pm Zoom link to be sent separately

WCCYM weekend and other youth activities

With Lockdown 3, and most young people being taught remotely, WCCYM has had to adapt the way youth work is delivered in local secondary schools and communities. However, the work very much continues. Please pray for young people and the youth workers, including Susie Thomson who leads the WCCYM team. Here are some of the things that are currently planned. More information about these and other activities can be found on at www.wccym.co.uk and on WCCYM's social media.



The next online Thirst youth service will take place on Sunday, 14 Feb, 6:30-8pm, for meeting together, worship, chat, teaching and fun.

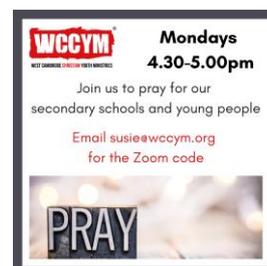
Separate Christian Union groups for Comberton Village College, Cambourne Village College and Comberton Sixth Form, are run weekly online.



WCCYM Weekend is happening from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st March 2021, and we are planning a mix of YouTube, Zoom and activities at home. The weekend is for young people of secondary school & sixth form age (school years 7 – 13). There will be a guest speaker joining us, along with WCCYM leaders and volunteers from churches in the west

Cambridgeshire villages. There will be time for games and getting to know others, as well as time set aside to help explore the Christian faith in a deeper way, with others the same age. Some of the sessions will be on YouTube, with the opportunity to then meet together on Zoom, with some of those times being spent in smaller breakout groups. If you'd like any more information, please email info@wccym.org. To book, go to www.bit.ly/wkend2021 and make sure you have also filled out the [general permission form](#) as well at www.bit.ly/wccymform (which many have already done over the last few months).

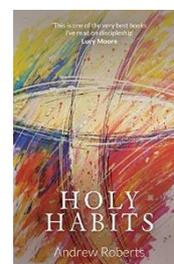
A few people are gathering (via Zoom) to pray every Monday, 4:30-5pm, for our local schools, particularly Comberton VC, Cambourne VC and Comberton Sixth form. Email susie@wccym.org for the Zoom code if you would like to join.



Preaching Themes for the Spring Term

On Sunday mornings this term we've started by spending 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.

Much of the discipleship 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.



On 21 February, we will start a series looking at Paul's first letter to Timothy. Please do make time to read this letter in the Bible, and work out ways in which we can apply the teaching practically in our own lives. You might like to watch the following summaries of 1 Timothy:

The Bible project: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-timothy>

HelenPaynter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhaqasM5mG0&list=PLk0iVHAOGvtIGc7QMTtkzyjjAGZfbkJE&index=67> This is part 1 of the overview, then follow the link to part 2.

Church business – Appointing Kate as Minister

The leaders and trustees of Hardwick Evangelical Church are pleased to confirm that the church voted to accept their recommendation that Kate Gaze be appointed minister of the church part-time (3.5 days/week) from 1 April 2021. Thank you very much to everyone for their prayers, discussions and sharing over the past few months. And also thanks very much for engaging in this process despite all the complications in communication resulting from lockdown.

Please continue to pray for Kate as she prepares to take on this role, and for Steve, as he prepares to step down from his role as co-Minister at the end of March.

Planning for Easter

The events recorded in the Bible about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and the implications of those events, are central to the Christian faith. This is why Easter is so important in the Christian calendar. At an open meeting in January, we started to dream and share ideas of how we could remember and celebrate Easter, and invite others in the village to learn and celebrate as well.

Two main ideas emerged:

- An Easter Garden (kind of Chelsea Flower show style) built where we build the nativity scene on the corner of Cambridge Rd and Limes Rd.
- An Easter Trail around the village for people to follow, in partnership with St Mary's Church (Hardwick). One example of Easter Trail resources can be found at <https://www.tath.co.uk/easter-resources>



We have a further planning meeting on Monday evening, 8 Feb, to develop these ideas further.

Being productive during Lockdown

As we approach nearly one year since the first Covid lockdown in the UK and, potentially, many more months of restrictions and social distancing to, it is easy to get discouraged and worn down. How many times have plans been postponed and changed, then postponed and changed again? Things that we thought might be temporary measures for a few weeks, then stretched into months, and soon we'll be measuring in years. How can we be effective and productive in these times?

Peter, one of Jesus' first disciples, in his old age wrote the following to some Christians: "Make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" [2 Peter 1:5-8]. Note, the value of having these qualities in "increasing measure", as opposed needing to have them all in full measure, in order to be effective and productive.

Eddie Jones, the coach for the England rugby team wrote: "the best way to deal with any challenge is to focus on doing the next task to the best of your ability." [Eddie Jones, My Life & Rugby, p 392].



Can we encourage each other to put this advice into practice in our lives?

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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