



Hardwick Happenings

Sunday, 09 November 2025

10:30am

Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

[Series: Luke.]

Preacher: Matt Oliver

Bring and Share Lunch following morning service.

6:00pm

Scripture: Hosea 8:1-14

[Series: Hosea. Number 6]

Preacher: Darrell Wilkinson

Activities this week

Monday, 10 November

Prayer: Church noon
Discovery 6:00pm

Prayer: Zoom 1:00pm
Mission Prayer Meeting
with visit from Matt Hill 7:30pm

Tuesday, 11 November

Prayer: Church 9:00am
GA 6:00pm
Youth Group 7:30pm

Thursday, 13 November

Prayer: Church 9:00am
Men's Fellowship
Firepit & food 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 12 November

Toddlers 10:00am

Friday, 14 November

Prayer: Church 7:00am
Knit, Craft, and Share 10:00am

Sunday, 16 November 2025

am Luke 10:1-24

Preacher: Denis Mitchinson

pm Hosea 9:1-10:15

Preacher: Matt Oliver

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[But] godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

Prayer items

Our Church

We set out 5 prayer items for 2025

Pray

- for 10 people to be saved by the Lord through the work of this church.
- for more workers for the harvest field, including praying for Liz and Darrell, our new trainee staff.
- for future elders, that the Lord would raise up men for this leadership role.
- for provision for all our needs, financial and otherwise.
- for compassionate hearts like Jesus so that we love across boundaries.

Sunday Club

Praise

- for the children who attend Sunday Club regularly, for their attentiveness during the Bible teaching and the questions they ask..
- for answered prayer for new leaders; Suzanne has recently joined the Sunday Club team.

Pray

- for the salvation and spiritual growth of the children in Sunday Club.
- for the leaders as they prepare and deliver the Bible teaching.

Mission

Pray for the Barkers and the Rodgers and all they do to serve the Lord.

SGA Eastern Ukraine

Oleksiy and Yana are students at Odessa Theological Seminary. The couple serve God in an area where the pain and suffering caused by the war are often more intense than anywhere else in the country. Children and adults who have fled their damaged or destroyed homes have lost everything. In addition, they face the even greater pain of the loss of loved ones. These are the hurting people that Oleksiy and Yana serve.

Yana says when the love of God has touched your heart, you cannot remain indifferent to the pain of others. When the full-scale invasion of Ukraine began, they realized that God was calling them to serve the people who were most in need of help and support. For the past three years they have been involved in social ministry, both within the local church and beyond.

We started with nothing. In the early days of the war, we gave the last of our family budget to help those who had been left penniless on 24 February 2022. We met many refugees and individuals who had suffered severe physical, emotional, and psychological trauma. We realized that only God could truly heal such deep wounds. We ourselves found comfort in Him alone.

They opened their hearts and eventually their homes to families in crisis. Now, alongside their biological daughter, they are raising three foster children who even at their young age have experienced many hardships. They have also taken in Vitaly, a 17-year-old orphan who needs help with his education, and support in his social development in order to encourage him towards independence. Recently he accepted Christ as his Saviour.

Pray

- that Oleksiy and Yana will receive the Lord's strength for each day as they seek to impact the lives of the vulnerable and despairing.

Other Churches

Pray

- for all the Christ-centred and gospel-driven churches across the area, that lives will be transformed by the knowledge and love of Jesus.

Thought for the week

Amazon and Praying

Matthew 6:5-18, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

A prayer is not a prayer until we have said 'Thy will be done.'

Attributed to W.H. Auden 20th century poet

I spent an hour this morning trying to order my husband's Christmas present online on my laptop. I knew exactly what he wanted and Amazon had it in

stock. But first, I had to enter my email address. This caused a problem as the website didn't recognise it. I sorted that out. Then I had to put in my password – I had forgotten my password. Amazon sent me another. I used that. I chose the things I wanted but the website wanted me to buy something else instead. That was corrected. I discovered in looking at the basket section that the suggestion the website had made, which I had discarded, had been added to the shopping list (giving me, I might add, a bill for £600). Finally, I got to the pay section to find that I needed a code from my bank. So, switching my mobile phone on I waited for the code and entered it. The code had expired.

The only thing to do in this sort of situation is to exit the website and start again. Making a cup of tea sometimes helps at this point too. This time everything went smoothly. I shut the computer down with a great deal of relief. Although I have used computers regularly since I was in my twenties, I find things get more complicated – not less.

Thank goodness that access to God is much, much easier. You don't need a password or a code. You don't need a credit card. It won't take you an hour to get through to him. You don't need a special time or place to get in touch. You can contact him wherever you are and whenever you need to. There are no barriers between us and God and our intercessor, Jesus Christ himself, pleads for us too.

Halfway through writing this article a large box appeared on my screen saying my computer wanted to shut down. God has never shut me down however much I try his patience. That being said, why don't we pray to him more? If we find prayer hard, we can use the prayer Jesus himself taught us. I also find the daily prayer on the Hardwick app very helpful on those days when it is hard to find words of my own. However, we can pray in our own words however feeble they are – God will understand them. Nothing is too small to bring to God's attention, and nothing is too large. God hears the prayers of the greatest saint and worst sinner alike. So, in the words we have all heard many times before: "Let us pray..."

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

George Herbert, English poet and clergyman. (1593-1633)

Val Tait