



Hardwick Happenings

Sunday, 07 December 2025

10:30am

Scripture: Isaiah 40

[Series: Isaiah.]

Preacher: Matt Oliver

6:00pm

Scripture: Hosea 11:12-13:16

[Series: Hosea. Number 9]

Preacher: Matt Oliver

Activities this week

Monday, 08 December

Prayer: Church noon
Discovery 6:00pm

Tuesday, 09 December

Prayer: Church 9:00am
Ladies' Christmas Meeting 11:00am
GA 6:00pm
Youth Group 7:30pm

Wednesday, 10 December

Toddlers 10:00am

Prayer: Zoom 1:00pm
Christmas Outreach Prayer Meeting
7:30pm

Thursday, 11 December

Prayer: Church 9:00am
Men's Fellowship Meal 7:00pm

Friday, 12 December

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

Sunday, 14 December 2025

am Isaiah 42:1-17

Preacher: Darrell Wilkinson

pm Hosea 14:1-9

Preacher: Matt Oliver

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Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Prayer items

Our Church

Youth Group

Praise

- for great numbers each week and some new faces. Due to solid numbers, we are now in a position to split the youth back into boys and girls groups which we are excited for. This split will start after the Christmas break.

Boys will meet on Mondays and Girls on Tuesdays, both groups at 7.45pm – 8.45pm.

We are continuing our walk through John's Gospel which has led to fruitful conversations in small groups.

Pray

- for the Lord to work in the hearts and minds of these young people.
- that the joint youth group would enjoy the last few weeks together before the split.
- for God to call forward more people to help lead, encourage, teach and disciple these young people. Ideally, we need one male and one female leader. Please speak to Matt or the elders if you can serve in this way.

Mission

Medhurst Ministries

Medhurst Ministries provides support, training and resources for churches working in council estates and hard places across the United Kingdom.

Pray

- for gospel churches to be planted in the poorest communities of the UK.

- for the church planting teams working in the forgotten places of the UK.
- for gospel-fruit, as cycles of abuse and addiction are broken, lives are transformed and turned to Jesus.

Other Churches

Eyres Monsell Community Church, Leicester – Pastor Dan James

Pray

- for us as a team to grow in love and knowledge of God and each other.
- for opportunities to make real friendships with people on the estate to share the gospel with.
- for more people to join the team and move in.
- for our Gospel witness here and for our confidence in God's provision.
- for God to save souls here and for us to disciple them faithfully.

Notices

Sunday, 21 December 2025 6:00 pm	Just Turn Up Nativity
Wednesday, 24 December 2025 6:00 pm	Carols by candlelight
Thursday, 25 December 2025 10:30 am	Christmas Day Service
Wednesday, 31 December 2025	No meeting

Thought for the week

The Good Shepherd

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

One of the figures of speech Jesus applied to himself was that of a shepherd. He said

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. I know my sheep and my sheep know me.



Note four things about Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

He owns the sheep; they belong to him.

Next, **he guards the sheep;** he never abandons them when danger approaches.

Also, **he knows the sheep,** and he calls them by name and they follow him.

Finally, **he lays down his life for the sheep,** their salvation is his primary concern.

The Bible says,

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture

Psalm 100:3.

So, because we belong to Christ, we can be secure and rest in him.

When you submit to Christ, the Good Shepherd, you are praising God, submitting to him and aligning your will to his will and obeying his word.

In so doing, he will continue to love and guide and protect you.

Denis Mitchinson

Giving to Hardwick Baptist Church

To give financially to the Church, you can do so as follows:

1. Placing your gift in the offering box at back left of the main hall
2. Direct Giving using the church account details
Sort Code 09-01-54 Account Number. 5873 6082