



# Hardwick Happenings

**Sunday, 08 March 2026**

**10:30am**

Scripture: Luke 14:25-35 *[Series: Luke.]*  
Preacher: Matt Oliver

**6:00pm**

Scripture: 1 Kings 9:1-28 *[Series: 1 Kings. Number 8]*  
Preacher: Matt Oliver

*Bring and Share Lunch following morning service.*

**Activities this week**

**Monday, 09 March**  
Revive @ Liz's house 10:00am  
Prayer @ Church noon  
Discovery 6:00pm  
Youth Group, boys 7:30pm

**Wednesday, 11 March**  
Toddlers 10:00am  
Prayer on Zoom 1:00pm  
Special Church Meeting 7:30pm

**Tuesday, 10 March**  
Prayer @ Church 9:00am  
Ladies' Meeting 11:00am  
GA 6:00pm  
Youth Group, girls 7:30pm

**Thursday, 12 March**  
Prayer @ Church 9:00am  
**Friday, 13 March**  
Prayer @ Church 7:00am  
Knit, Craft, and Share 10:00am

**Sunday, 15 March 2026**

am Luke 15:1-10 Preacher: Darrell Wilkinson  
pm 1 Kings 10:1-29 Preacher: Darrell Wilkinson

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

## **Prayer items**

### **Our Church**

#### **Knit, Craft & Share**

- for the ladies that faithfully come every week.
- for the fellowship evident between the ladies.
- for the dedication of the ladies to provide for our current project.

#### **Pray**

- for wisdom for us as we navigate the transition of leadership.
- for a clear sharing of the gospel and the salvation of unsaved women that come.
- for Chrisjan and Anja Dees who are in Angola working in the eye clinics and hospitals this month.
- for John Oliver and his friend serving in India this month, mostly with children, as part of their Doctor Training.

### **Mission**

#### **Pray**

- for Ed & Katie
- for Clive & Cath
- for Mary Ratter

#### **Open Doors** – (a prayer request for Christians in Iran)

- that the God of justice would expose evil, end injustice and bring accountability where there has been silence
- for the protection and wisdom of believers, that the Lord would help them discern how to be salt and light in dark times
- that God would reveal Himself as the God of truth and resurrection life, bringing hope to His people.

## Other Churches

### Aycliffe Evangelical Church –

from Stephen Fry (Chairman of the Church Council)

#### Give thanks

● for the clear teaching from God’s Word each Lord’s Day and for our mid-week Prayer and Bible Study meetings on Thursdays.

#### Pray

- for of one of our members, David Taylor who is marrying Ruth Kindred on 25<sup>th</sup> April, and as they make their home in Shildon, nearby.
- for the church and our ongoing need for a pastor.
- for the visit of the Christian Institute at 7.30pm on 26 March 2026, covering their work in opposing assisted suicide, transgender ideology and destructive effects of gambling under the heading “In the image of God”.
- for the completion of our move to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- for a number of members who have various health and medical conditions.
- for my own future as there is due to be change in contractor at work.
- for the resources to re-start those things that we did before COVID such as Pathfinders (Years 1-6), and CY (Years 7 upwards).
- for ensuring that all volunteer workers are fully aware of the safeguarding requirements in the safeguarding policy, and suitable training rolled out.

## Notices

26 March 2026 7:30pm

29 March 2026 6:00pm

04 April 2026 1:00pm-3:00pm

Pie & Peas Quiz night

Big Questions evening

Easter Family Trail

## Thought for the week

### Walk Through Romans 8:18-25 -

#### Part 1 – Suffering before Glory

In this series, we're going to go through *Romans 8:18-25*.

Like with every passage, it's useful to remind ourselves of the context. From the beginning of Romans, Paul outlines the Gospel message for his readers. In Romans 8, Paul shifts focus as he writes to encourage believers, offering assurance that their salvation is secure.

Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. *Romans 8:17*

In verse 18, you may expect Paul to start comparing glory with suffering, that he would encourage us by explaining why one is better than the other and our hearts would be strengthened. However, in verse 18 he writes,

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

In verse 17 Paul's just set an expectation: to share in Christ's glory, we too will share in his sufferings. Yet, in the very next breath Paul declares that our current sufferings, though painful are “not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us”.

But why does Paul think this? – Stay tuned for part 2.

Pray:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. *Isaiah 43:2*

*Darrell Wilkinson*

### Giving to Hardwick Baptist Church

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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