



## Weekly Prayer Focus: 17th October 2021

### Hardwick Evangelical Church

Hardwick Evangelical Church is a village church in Hardwick, five miles west of Cambridge. The Minister is Rev Kate Gaze, who has been sole Minister of the church since April, after being Co-Minister for almost ten years.

The fellowship is of about 40 people. As they meet in the local primary school, they started meeting in person since the beginning of September, when restrictions for school hire were lifted. The congregation enjoy being back 'home' rather than on Zoom, although Zoom served them well throughout the pandemic restrictions.

Just before lockdown began in March 2020, they had taken on the lease of an office/meeting place in the village, which they have called The Living Room, and which has been kitted out to accommodate small group meetings. As well as the office part of the space, they have a regular Bible Study Group meeting there, a local youthwork team, and a prayer meeting. There are plans to start a Bereavement Support Group, a well-being café and a midday reflection; other groups are in the pipeline. It is also hoped that the space can be used as a place for prayer and ministry and for individuals to meet with friends. The fellowship is able to use the Community Room attached to the school to help run a Baby and Toddler group, and started this up again in September.

#### For Praise

- \* The fellowship give thanks that they are able to meet in person again.
- \* Almost everyone who was attending regularly before lockdown is still coming to the church, and they have even gained a few new people.

#### For Prayer

- \* For enough volunteers to run children and youthwork on Sunday mornings and the various activities in The Living Room.
- \* Applications to the advertisements they currently have (children & families' worker, and youth worker), so they can develop the work amongst these groups of people.
- \* Good health for the older people in the congregation who have experienced significant health deterioration over the past eighteen months.



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