



highworth community church | march 2019

CONTACT

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WELCOME

God is good, and we have lots to celebrate. If this is your first time here at Highworth Community Church, then you're especially welcome. We hope that you enjoy your time with us.

We start together with a time of worship, which is very relaxed and open for all to participate in. After the worship time, the children and young people will leave for their own groups (follow the crowd or look for the signs), whilst there's a time of teaching from the Bible, usually by one of the church leaders. On those weeks marked All Age Worship (AAW) we all stay in the service together.

We are really glad you're here and would like the opportunity to get to know you. We always have tea and coffee available before and after the meeting so please stay and chat.



LORD, GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN!

by Matt Ford

As HCC we want to be committed to what God is committed to.

Philippians 1:6 says this:

'...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.'

God is committed to completing His work in us, which means you and I walk in and

experience everything He has called us to be. We need to know then what He wants us to be and do and be and do it!!

There are, therefore, these two mountains in our lives: the Mountain of Promise and the Mountain of Fulfillment. For many Christians, promises from God have merely to do with some sort of 'holy back-up plan. We look to God to step in, save the day and sort things out, 'to never leave us or forsake us' or enable us to 'do all things through Christ who strengthens me', when it all goes wrong. This isn't even half of the picture.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

03 March

Speaker: Andrew Price

Worship Leaders: Kathryn Ford

Set-up: Adrian Hares (GREEN)

10 March

Speaker: Dave Day

Worship Leaders: Jim Thring/Janet Hodgson

Set-up: Matt Ford (YELLOW)

17 March

Speaker: Jim Thring

Worship Leaders: Dawn Golton/Will Pearce

Set-up: Matt Ford (YELLOW)

24 March

Speaker: Matt Ford

Worship Leaders: Jon Grant-Willson/Adrian Hill

Set-up: Ian Coulson (BLUE)

31 March

Speaker: Jon Hares

Worship Leaders: Kathryn Ford

Set-up: Ian Coulson (BLUE)

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WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

week beginning 04 March

Small Groups meet this week

09 March

Lucy and Hannah's Promise Auction

7pm, Warneford School

14 March

Ed Plus Evening

7:30pm, The Bridge Centre

week beginning 18 March

Small Groups meet this week

27 March

Give me this Mountain Family Meeting

8pm, Warneford School

29 March

Informal - Youth Open Mic Night

7:30pm, Highworth Community Centre

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We are called to become like Jesus! We each are called to 'go' and 'make disciples' which looks different for everyone of us, but does look like something.

This month we have the second of our two-part Family Members Meetings on the 27 March, at Warneford, 8pm. The premise is that Church—us united—should enable each other to step into fulfilling the calling on our lives. We are here to help one another scale our mountains. We recognise this takes another level of relationship with God and each other, and on the 27th will be sharing how we can do this.

We will also be feeding back our Leadership Charter, hearing from Dave Day on stepping into your dreams and Rodney will be encouraging us to see our 'normal' lives differently and we may even get some prayer in!!

I look forward to seeing you there.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday

Craft Group

11am-12noon, The Bridge

Tuesday Group for school years 7-9

(term time)

6:30-8pm, St Michael's Church

Tuesday Group for school years 10+

(term time)

8-9:30pm, The Bridge Centre

Every Wednesday

Bible Study

9:30-10:30am, The Bridge

Nursery Rhymes with Jon (term time)

11-11:30am, The Bridge

Every Thursday

Little Treasures Toddler Group

(term time)

9:45-11:15am, Community Centre

Every Friday

Friday Blessings

9:15am, Highworth Methodist Church

Knit and Natter Group

10:30am, Highworth Methodist Church

MOLDOVA AND HCC

by Matt Ford

As you are probably aware we have had a strong connection with Moldova for about six years now. Over this time we have been feeling our way, discovering what God wants us to do and why He connected us in. As I often find with Holy Spirit it's less a blueprint and more a 'take me by the hand' thing as we keep trusting and hearing what He says to us.

However, it now feels timely to define what our engagement looks like and have a clear picture of what we are called to do as HCC and this has been confirmed by Love Moldova. We want to make a difference and fulfill the part God has for us to play however simple or profound.

In light of this, on the 19 March, Jon Hares, Sally Wilson, Laura Fisher and myself will be going to 'spy out the land.' (Think Caleb and Joshua, not the CIA.) Our plan is to visit the many people and projects we are linked with to:

UPPER ROOM



03 March

Guided Encounter

3-4:30pm, see Trelaine Hicks for details

06 March

Soaking Session

4-5pm, see Ken Ford for details

07/14/21/28 March

Waiting on God

4-5pm, see Rich Coughlin for details

07 March

Let God speak (again)

7-8pm, see Stephen and Janet for details

08 March

Prayer for Israel

7:30-9:30pm, see Rich Coughlin for details

09 March

Men Rise up and Pray (followed by breakfast)

8-9am, see Simon Morgan for details

11 March

Worship

4-5pm, see Matt Ford for details

18 March

Soaking Session

4-5pm, see Matt Ford for details

23 March

Fathers and Sons

8-9am, see Simon Morgan for details

25 March

Reading through Ephesians

4-5pm, see Matt Ford for details

- Find out their vision for the next few years.
- Ask then what their needs are.
- Discover how we can pray for them.

Then, on Thursday 11 April, 7pm at The Bridge Centre, we want to feedback our findings, pray together as Church and come up with a God plan for this next season.

You need to be there if Moldova is something God has put on your heart. (Young people — that includes you!) The vision needs you.

“What do you think of the Upper Room?”

It's great to have a dedicated prayer space in Highworth again.

It's my war room.

I love having a space away from everything where I can listen to God.

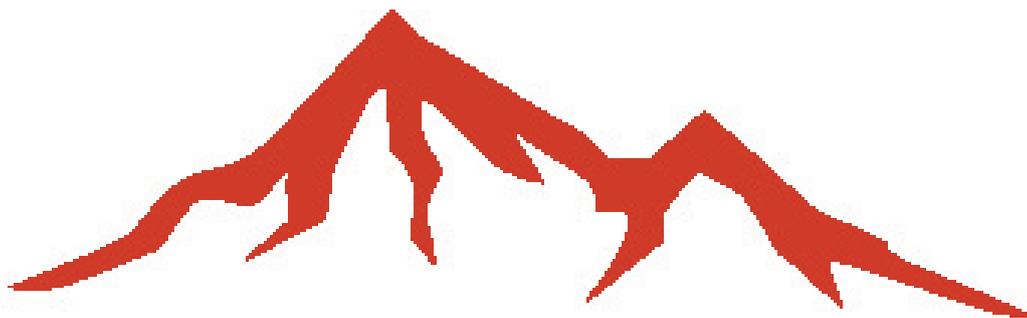
One evening we nearly raised the roof with passion-filled worship, and the next afternoon we sat (or lay) in silence for an hour. Both were life-transforming.

I love the way the Upper Room offers an opportunity for many different expressions of worship and prayer, both individually and corporately.

When I'm in the Upper Room I feel I have no excuse for not hearing God.

The availability of the Upper Room is really challenging me about where prayer is on my list of priorities.

I've yet to join one session where I haven't come away refreshed, inspired and encouraged.



VISION NIGHT

on Two: 27 march

8-9.30pm

warneford school



BUILDHOME MOLDOVA 2019

by Jon Hares

This summer, a group of our young people are headed to Moldova in Eastern Europe. We'll spend nine days building a home for a family living in poverty and staying together on a campsite. We are doing this through our friends at Amor Europe (many of you will know Phil Hulks who has spoken at HCC before).

But we are not just building a house! Each day of our summer trip, we will gather to worship as a team, eat together, do community action, prayer walking and many prophetic acts of kindness. It promises to be an incredible discipleship experience that might just change us forever.

At the heart of this experience is a vision of discipleship. Discipleship is a journey that involves our whole lives, not just the bits we think are spiritual. God cares about our relationships, our actions, our choices, our dreams. Most of all, this year is an invitation to go deeper with our Father. As part of this we'll spend forty-two weeks in Romans 12, learning what it means to be in accountable relationships and understand more of what it means to offer our bodies as living sacrifices.

There are three weekends away: two in preparation; and one debrief. We'll bond as a team with those from the three other churches ahead of our summer project, and then debrief in November to consider how God is still using us where we are. We'll learn about God's heart for justice and have a chance to put that into action. The nine days away is no walk in the park. We'll build a blockwork house from the ground up. It's going to be hard work but it's going to be a blessing to another family in need, who need to see what God's love really looks like.

So how can you be a part of this?

Most of all, please pray for us! As you are handed this *Contact*, we'll be in Hertfordshire for our first away weekend. Pray as we prepare, pray as we learn from one another, that God would equip us for the task ahead.

Secondly, please give generously. Each of those going (including me!) have committed to raise the cost of the trip which is £985 per person, so don't be surprised if we ask for your support over the coming months!



HIGHWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH
PRESENTS...

FUNDRAISING AUCTION OF PROMISES

Come along to bid for prizes, experiences and days out. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

All money raised will support Hannah and Lucy on their mission trip with Iris Global Ministries.

This trip will enable us to reach out to deprived communities, from Scotland, through Israel to Madagascar.



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HIGHWORTH
CHURCHES
TOGETHER

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS

Rev Dr Peter Walker

March 6th

Ash Wednesday 7:30 St Michael's Hall:
Teaching & Communion

April 18th

Maunday Thursday 7:30 St Michael's Church:
Passover meal & Communion

Rev Dr. Peter Walker is widely acknowledged as one of the foremost experts on the Holy Land, his passion for scripture and academic foundation, all makes for an experience that is not only educational but also inspired and Spirit-filled.

Peter will bring Jesus' life and ministry alive for us, taking us all in heart and mind to Jerusalem, as we prepare for Lent on Ash Wednesday and then celebrate a Passover meal on Maundy Thursday.