

Coffee in the *community*

Danbury Mission Church might have an ultra-modern look, but the time-honoured values of welcome and friendliness are in full supply, along with very good coffee, at Hudsons, the new coffee shop sited within the building.



Hudsons opened in May 2016 and occupies the front of the building where a huge expanse of large windows lets the light flood in. Staffed by manager Wendy Goodwin and an excellent team of volunteers, the coffee shop is a spacious and attractive venue for all the community to meet up for a drink, a snack and a chat.

Wendy says 'Hudsons is not primarily a profit-making enterprise. It's far more about providing a lovely space, not just to meet for a coffee and cake but

also for a growing number of groups that are making full use of the venue. We hold a toddler group, 'page-turner' story-telling sessions and family craft days.

'There are about 30 volunteers on our rota, all of whom are kept busy serving behind the counter, waiting tables and, most importantly, learning the barista skills necessary to make a great coffee!'

Hudsons coffee is sourced from Kingdom Coffee, one of the UK's fairtrade and ethical

coffee suppliers and the teas are from speciality tea company Tea People. A range of toasted sandwiches is available plus a good selection of home made cakes such as blueberry and lemon, lemon drizzle, rocky road and chocolate fridge cake.

And why 'Hudsons'? The coffee shop is named after Hudson Taylor, who was born, not in Danbury, but in Barnsley, Yorkshire in 1832. So what connects him to the coffee shop in Danbury Mission? We suggest a visit to Hudsons, where Hudson Taylor's story is displayed on a video loop on a screen in the café. You can sample the coffee and read all about him!

**Hudsons, Danbury Mission,
54 Maldon Road,
Danbury, Essex CM3 4QL.
Open: Weds – Sat: 10am – 3pm
Hudsons has ample parking
and excellent disabled access
to both the coffee shop and
the lavatories.**