

POETRY

Our next Poetry Please will be on Friday May 2nd at 10.30am. As always, everyone will be made very welcome! Whether your poem elicits a wry smile or out loud laughter, our theme will be 'Comic Verse'.



PLEASE

Gill Osmond has been a part of Wendover Free Church for many years. In that time, she has served the church in lots of ways, for which we are very grateful. During May, she will be moving to live near her son, Sam, and his family. We are sure that she will come and visit us from time to time, but in the meantime we will miss her cheerful presence.

What is prayer?

Prayer is not primarily about telling God what you need; it's about getting closer to God. It's almost as if God is saying, "Don't bring me your shopping list. I already know what's on it. We will deal with that later. Bring me your heart. Bring me your love. Bring me your undivided attention."

Prayer is not about getting things *from* the Lord; it's about spending time *with* the Lord.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Amelia is a resourceful 24-year-old farmer who lives with her husband and two children, from the indigenous Q'eqchi' community in Guatemala. As the river runs dry and water becomes scarce, the vital crops that Amelia depends on wither and die. It's a heartbreaking injustice, when no more than a mile away, industrial plantations are taking the last of the region's natural resources to feed the world's richest countries.

Recent harvests have failed, and now the family's diet largely consists of rice and tortillas. Fruit and vegetables are unobtainable locally, depriving the children of the fresh food they need to thrive and grow.

'It's not fair that people are exploiting our resources and benefiting. We are the ones affected, but we don't have anywhere else to go.' - Amelia.



With funding from Christian Aid, 'Congcoop' supports communities to return to indigenous farming practices and adopt agro-ecological approaches that conserve their land, culture and livelihood.

By joining 'Congcoop', Amelia's gaining the skills and knowledge to

cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the changing climate. She's planning planting schedules that will deliver multiple

harvests throughout the year, making her own organic fertiliser, and constructing rainwater collection systems. And she passes on her new skills to others in her community.

Please pray for Christian Aid's work with disadvantaged people and give what you can this Christian Aid Week - 11-17 May. www.christianaid.org.uk

For Amelia's full story go to: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/amelias-story>

What's on in May?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Thurs 1st 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Friday 2nd: 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Weds 7th & 21st 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Thurs 8th 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Sat 10th 10am-2pm **The World's Most Exciting Book!**

Sun 11th 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

Sat 17th 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

Sun 18th 10.45am **Messy Morning**

Tues 27th 12.30-4pm **Lunch & Crafternoon**

Sun 25th **Shared Lunch after Morning Worship**

Every Sunday 10.45am **Morning Worship**

Every Monday 5pm **Centring Prayer** at 26 Manor Rd

Every Tuesday 10-12 noon **Coffee Drop-in**

Every Wednesday 7.30pm **Home Group**, 21 Manor Rd

Every Friday 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

NOAH'S ARK

Noah's Ark is a fun, safe space for pre-school children to play with their carers. It has always been Churches Together weekly event, but at present there are few people to organise and run it. Sadly, it may have to close.

It is very much valued by those who attend, but extra hands are needed to set up, serve drinks and tidy away.

Is this something you could help with? If you are available on Thursday mornings from 9.30am and would like to see what's involved, please speak to Remco or Elly.



THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING BOOK!

We begin our course on the Bible on Saturday 10th May. It begins at 10am. (Do come a little early so we can start on time). Lunch will be served at 12 noon and we finish promptly at 2pm.

All the activities will be interactive so do come prepared to have some fun!

In the first session, you will be immersed in the history of Bible times from Abraham to Paul, discover what the Bible is (and what it is not) and learn how to read the Bible so as to avoid getting the wrong end of the stick.

To close, we will wonder at the ways in which God speaks to us through the Bible.

If you have not yet signed up, do consider joining the course, even if you can't make all three sessions.

Remco, Elly and Christine have designed the course themselves because they want to share their love of the Bible - difficult bits and all. We all know that understanding the Bible is sometimes hard. No one has all the answers. Yet it is hoped that the course will inspire us all to enjoy the riches of the Bible.

The course continues on Saturdays 7th June & 10th July. Do come and be part of it!

What Is the Bible?



LENT SOUP LUNCHES

£214.30 was raised at the 2025 soup lunches.

This is to be split equally between 'A Rocha' and 'Lindengate'. Both charities will receive £107.15