

POETRY

Romantic, humorous, inspired by nature?
Whatever kind of poem you love, bring
along your favourite poem to share
with others.

Poetry Please meets on Friday 1st
August at 10.30am. Drinks, biscuits
and a warm welcome await you!



PLEASE

2025 CHRISTMAS EVENT

At our June Church Meeting, this year's Christmas event was discussed. Last year's Crib Fest was a success, but involved a lot of organisation. However, it was felt that another, slightly different event might be held in 2025.

Unfortunately very few offers of help to organise the event have been received, so Council have decided to suggest just having a Christmas Fair on Saturday 13th December with stalls and refreshments in the same way we did last year with proceeds going to 'Embrace' as usual. Organising this will be discussed at the Church Meeting on Sunday 28th September .

BBQ & Quiz Evening



Saturday 16th August
BBQ at 5pm Quiz At 7pm
You can attend either or both parts of the evening. If you attend both the cost will be £15, £5 for the BBQ only and £10 for the Quiz only.
Money raised for charity **Alcohol Change**.

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk/>

Wendover Free Church August 2025

NEWSLETTER NO. 239

HELP IN A CRISIS

The continued war in Gaza is causing unprecedented civilian suffering. Although we feel helpless, 'Embrace the Middle East' is working with Christian partners to bring practical support wherever possible.

So, there is a way to help!
At the July Council

meeting, it was decided to invite people to give what they can during August to be sent to 'Embrace' for their work in Gaza.

This is something we can all do! No matter how small your gift, it can be used to help desperate people now.

Envelopes will be available

during August for anyone who wants to use Gift Aid. Simply put your gift in the envelope and sign the declaration. Or just put a cash donation in the box or

plate as you arrive at church or as you leave. The appeal will be current for each of the

five Sundays in August. All cash donations during August will also go to Embrace.

If you are not coming to church during August, but would like to give something, please ask someone to bring your gift on your behalf.

Thank you!



What's on in August?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Friday 1st: 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Tues 5th & 19th 12.30pm **Lunch**

Thurs 7th, 14th & 21st 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Thurs 7th 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Sun 10th 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

Tues 12th 11-3pm **Crafternoon** (bring your own lunch)

Weds 13th & 27th 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Sat 16th 10.30-11.30am **Book Club** & 5pm **BBQ**; 7pm **Quiz**

Sun 17th 10.45am **Messy Morning**

Sun 24th 10.45am **Shared Lunch after Coffee**

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 7.15pm **Home Group**, 21 Manor Rd

Every Friday 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

PLUS Scarecrow building workshops on Tuesdays 7th, 14th & 21st August, from 10-12 noon for Florence Nightingale Hospice.

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It's not too late to sign up for our celebration of Remco & Elly's 10th anniversary with us.

The sign-up sheet is available every Sunday, but you can also e-mail or phone Christine Wright to add your name to the list.

(£5 per person to cover costs - payable on the day.)

Saturday 13th September

4-7pm

PRAY FOR GAZA WITH 'EMBRACE'

Out of the depths have I cried unto you. O Lord hear my voice.

Loving God, you call us to mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep.

As we stand with our friends at the Al Ahli Hospital, hear our prayers for an end to this senseless violence. Give us the courage and the will to speak up for the defenceless. Remind us that every human being is made in your image.

We pray for those with the power to stop this madness. Give them the vision to imagine new possibilities, where hardened hearts are opened to goodness, love and grace.

We pray for the team at Al Ahli, Archbishop Hosam, and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Surround them with your love, give them your strength and fill them with your wisdom.

God of justice and compassion,



We cry out to you for the people of Gaza, particularly for the children. We pray for an unequivocal ceasefire and the resumption of aid and food deliveries.

We continue to pray for a safe and prosperous tomorrow for Palestinians and Israelis, a future of equal rights for all and an end to the occupation.

We lift Embrace's partners and their staff before you. We ask that they remain safe and know your peace and protection.

We ask all this in the name of the one who suffered, died and rose again. Amen

Prayers provided by 'Embrace the Middle East'.