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What better way to enter into the festive spirit than by coming along to Poetry

Please! Lots of poems to share, festive nibbles and a friendly welcome guaranteed!

Come along on Friday 5th December at 10.30am, when our theme will be 'Christmas'.

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**REMINDER** - Gifts for Aylesbury Women's Aid:

\* **Girls and boys** - gifts for all ages from birth to teenage years.

\* **Women:** toiletry gift sets, chocolates, slippers, nightwear, diaries, notebooks.

**It is really important NOT to wrap gifts** although donations of wrapping paper are most welcome. Finally, any non perishable Christmas food goodies would also be gratefully received.

**Please bring all donations to church by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December latest.**



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
10AM- 4PM**

CRAFTS, CAKES & HOME PRODUCE,  
BOOKS, REFRESHMENTS, SOUP LUNCH 12-1.30

All proceeds to 'Embrace'.  
Please come and support the event. Bring your friends and family!

## Wendover Free Church December 2025

NEWSLETTER NO. 243

### THE MEANING OF ADVENT

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
Mark 1:3*

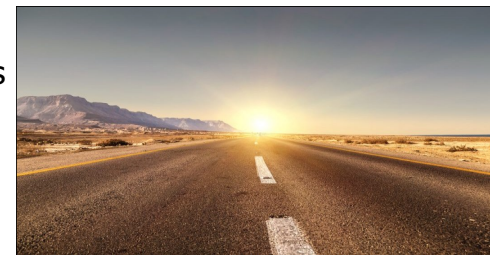
On tiptoe, eager, we clear away the clutter.  
We make space in our lives for God.

We sweep away the rubbish, cut loose the clinging sin,  
prepare the way.  
We build a highway in our world for God.



So what do we see through the  
little window today?  
Another chocolate?  
A whole new world?  
Glory?

Advent Lord,  
come to us on the highway of hope,  
Lead us in your way;  
baptise us in your Spirit:  
that our lives and our lips  
may cry, "Holy!"  
And your glory be  
revealed for  
all, all, to see.



## What's on in December?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>** 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>** 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am **Poetry Please**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>** 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** 10am-4pm **Christmas Fair**

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>** 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>** 11-3pm **Christmas Lunch**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>** 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>** 10.45am **Nativity Service**

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am **Christmas Day Worship**

**Sun 28<sup>h</sup>** 10.45am **Café-style Service**

**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**

*Please note that weekly meetings will change over the Christmas period. Check the weekly worship sheets.*

## EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

If you are unable to come to Wendover Free Church Christmas services, you may be interested to attend or take family & friends to one of the following events at St. Mary's Church.

**Sunday 21st December at 7pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Wednesday 24th December at 4pm OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

## ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Our Christmas Day offering is always for the charity 'Action for Children'.

For every £1 given, 84p goes directly towards helping children, young people and their families. Action for Children helps fund a huge range of programmes – from schemes preventing neglect to mental health support. In

2024/2025,

551,400

children, young people and families were helped.

This includes Chloe\*.



Last winter, six-year-old football fan Chloe spent most days huddled under blankets in the living room - the only room her mum Layla\* could afford to heat. Despite working as a care worker, Layla was struggling financially and often skipped meals so Chloe could eat.

Action for Children was able to step in just before Christmas with festive food and presents.

The week before Christmas, Chloe and Layla's support

worker arrived with Christmas decorations and a festive food hamper filled with fresh fruit, vegetables, and chocolates. She had also brought Chloe a bag of Christmas presents.

On Christmas morning, Layla watched Chloe's excitement as she opened the living room door and saw the presents under the tree.

Layla said: "At first she couldn't speak. She was just staring at the presents with her mouth wide open not sure if the presents were

really for her."

As Chloe started to unwrap the biggest box, her eyes lit up. It was the football boots that she had wanted all year.

(\* Names changed)

Please remember the work of Action for Children in your prayers as children are reached in love this Christmas time.

For more information on this amazing charity, look on the Action for Children website:

[www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)