

# POETRY

'He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything.' (Arabian Proverb)  
Come along to our next Poetry Please on Friday 2nd January when the first theme for 2026 will be:  
'Health.'



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## Tony Scott

We send our love and prayerful thoughts to Irene and all her family as they grieve the loss of Tony who died on 26<sup>th</sup> December. Tony and Irene have been members of our church for nearly 50 years. He served the church in many ways, including on Council.

Details of his funeral will follow.

## FUNDRAISING

### During December we raised:

- ◊ £645.65 for Embrace the Middle East at the Christmas Fair . (Cribfest total in 2024 - £734.80)
- ◊ £112.00 for Christian Aid through the church Christmas card. (2024 total £102.00)
- ◊ £82.00 for Action for Children through the Christmas Day offering and gifts at the Christmas Day Lunch.

Thank you to all who made this giving possible.

# Wendover Free Church

## January 2026

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May God's blessing and grace be with you today and into this new year. I pray that 2026 will be a good year in which we learn more about God's love for us and see that love expressed between one another and into the world around us. The plan is to do this through exploring the gospel of John, and to have a few specific series on how we treat one another.

To help us explore God's love for us and what it means for us, we have selected a verse for the year where Jesus encourages us to do just that: ***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*** (John chapter 13 verses 34 and 35).

This is an important verse for us. Jesus encouraged his disciples, and us with them, to imitate his

unconditional and self-sacrificing love. Jesus shows this love to his disciples, but also to those rejected by the society of the day. And, when those who are not part of "the church" see us love one another really well, that is a fantastic witness to the world. So, loving one another isn't just part of our life together, it is actually

also part of our mission in the world. Let us find out how we do this well in 2026.



We will explore these themes mainly through our Sunday morning teaching plan. However,

if there is a specific topic or theme you would like to explore further or deeper, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to help you explore things further, or if there are others interested in the same topic we could set up a group or course. I look forward to hearing from you.

Grace and peace to you all,  
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## MISSION PRAYERS FOR JANUARY

**Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy** is one of the organisations that we at Wendover Free Church support in our mission giving. The work of the town chaplaincy divides into three sections.

**The Street Angels** are out and about in Aylesbury at night from 11pm to 3.30 am, helping people to stay safe. They come alongside people demonstrating God's love in action – helping to diffuse tricky situations that could escalate into conflict, administering first aid, or helping people to get home safely. They support staff in the pubs and clubs, and the work that they do alongside the police is much appreciated. They support rough sleepers too with warm clothes, blankets and food & hot drinks.

Please pray for the Street Angels asking our loving God to keep them safe from harm.

**The Chaplains** provide a daytime presence in a range of locations in the town. These include Friars Square, the college, the police

station, the park and shops. Again, they are there, offering a listening ear, showing that they care, and offering support in any way they can.

Please pray for the Chaplains too, thanking God for the excellent work they do as they follow in the footsteps of Jesus.



**The healing on the streets team** meet once a month on a Saturday afternoon in the High Street. They set out chairs for people who would like to talk. They listen to people, let them know that they care about them, and pray with them if they would like that.

Loving God, thank you for all the good work that is being done in Aylesbury by the Chaplaincy team. We pray that they will be filled with your Holy Spirit as they seek to support the marginalised. We pray that the people in need will be able to connect with the help that is on offer, especially if they are in a time of crisis or distress. **Amen.**

## What's on in January?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 10.45 **Churches Together Service**, St Mary's

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11-3pm **Messy Morning**

**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**

## SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Please note that our service on 18th January will take place at St Mary's Church, not at our usual venue.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January, churches around the UK will be meeting and worshipping with Christians from denominations other than their own.

In Wendover, we have the opportunity to meet with our friends from St Anne's and St Mary's at 10.45am to celebrate our shared faith in Jesus Christ and pray for further expressions of unity.

