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'Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better' Albert Einstein.



Come along to our March Poetry Please on Friday 6th March at 10.30, when our theme will be 'Nature'.
As always, everyone's welcome.

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Irene and her family would like to thank everyone for their love and support following Tony's death - for the flowers, cards, letters, kindness and help.



FUNDRAISING

The sale of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday raised £107 for Emmanuel International UK.

Thanks to all who cooked and served the pancakes - and all those who enjoyed them!



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THE SAME MIND

The same mind be in us as was in Christ Jesus.

Made in your image, God,
let us hold back from putting our destructive handprints
all over creation.

The same mind be in us as was in Christ Jesus.

Filled with potential, help us also to know emptiness
before our greed impoverishes our neighbours
present and future.

**The same mind be in us as
was in Christ Jesus.**

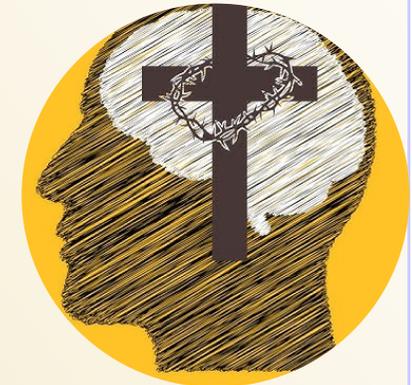
With power to do what we
like,
help us to know the
constraint
of doing what is right.

**The same mind be in us as
was in Christ Jesus.**

Wanting to take,
help us to be ready to give
all we can.

The same mind be in us as was in Christ Jesus.

Knowing Christ,
help us with your energetic Spirit
to worship together.



Philippians 2:5-10

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REGULAR GIVING TO OUR CHURCH

As you were reminded at the recent Church meeting, Wendover Free Church's major source of income is donations from its members and friends, and it is us who pledge to cover the cost of ministry and mission and the upkeep of the church buildings, which, fortunately we share with St Anne's Roman Catholic Church. We do not receive any financial support from the Baptist Union or the United Reformed Church.

The budget that John Shaw and I presented to the November 2025 Church meeting contained a significant deficit. Three months on, we believe the situation to have worsened – potentially to around £12,000. We had budgeted, for example, for monthly planned giving of £2,400. In January, this figure was c. £1,900. In the past six months or so we have lost, for various reasons, several very generous givers.

We therefore ask that all of us,

whether members or friends, challenge ourselves to ensure that ongoing costs are covered week on week, month on month year on year. We are in this together. Every penny counts! One coffee-shop coffee a week fewer could represent annual giving to the church of £200!

And if you are planning on giving on a regular basis, don't forget Gift Aid. If you are a tax

payer, that £200 would become worth £250.

I can furnish the forms you need for both bank standing orders and Gift

Aid – please speak to me or email me on imcritchley18@gmail.com. If it suits your cashflow to give quarterly or half-yearly, please let me know, too. It really helps budget-wise. If other solutions are hard, don't forget the Sunday morning cash offering box or basket. Wendover Free Church is a major part of all our lives – let's make sure it continues to thrive financially.

Ian Critchley, Treasurer.



What's on in March?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Tues 3rd, 10th, 17th 12.30pm **Lent Lunches**

Thurs 5th 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Fri 6th 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Sun 8th 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

Weds 11th & 25th 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Thurs 12th & 26nd 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Sun 15th 11-3pm **Messy Morning**

Sat 21st 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

Tues 24th 12.30pm **Community Lunch**

Sun 29th 4pm **Churches Together on Palm Sunday,**

St Anne's Church

Every Sunday 10.45am **Morning Worship**

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

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

Every Friday 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

EASTER DONATIONS

With Easter approaching, we once again have the opportunity to support **Aylesbury Women's Aid**. Easter eggs, for women and children of all ages, are welcome. Donations of single bedding- duvets/pillows/ fitted sheets/ duvet sets are also welcome, along with women's clothing and nightwear. If you would prefer to donate non perishable food items, please choose from: tinned tuna, pasta sauces, instant coffee and long life milk (dairy/oat). Please bring your donations to church by Sunday 22nd March at the latest.



St Anne's congregation is this year also planning to donate Easter chocolates and treats to Aylesbury Men's Prison. If you would like to do so, please ensure these gifts are in a bag clearly labelled **Aylesbury Men's Prison**. Thank you for your generosity. **Sandra Smith**