

# CHURCH AGM

## Sunday 26th April followed by a 'bring and share' lunch

It is 43 years since Wendover Free Church was formed. Every year since, we remind ourselves of our values and celebrate the achievements of each passing year. We also take time to look ahead and see where God might be leading us in our work and mission in Wendover.

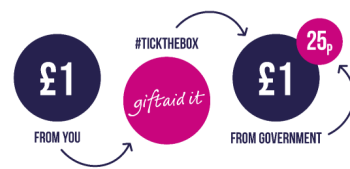
Council is inviting nominations for new council members. At present there are only five (soon to be four) out of a possible seven. Nominations can be for any church member with their consent, to be received by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please pray about this matter. If you would like to know more, please speak to Remco or Christine. All are welcome to attend and participate in the meeting, though only members can vote.

## Giving Update

Thank you to all of you who have generously responded to John Shaw's report at February's Church Meeting and my comments in the March Newsletter. It is really appreciated. I look forward to hearing from more of you in due course. Many thanks in advance!

I will update at the AGM at the end of this month.

Ian Critchley, Treasurer



## Wendover Free Church April 2026

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## HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Growing up in traditional Baptist churches, there were no events for us between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It was straight from 'Hosanna!' to 'Hallelujah!' Since then, I've come to appreciate the Holy Week journey. The Easter Day 'Hallelujah!' is so much more significant after time to meditate on what happened to Jesus during that world-changing week. The events below are important in our church life and always helpful to those who attend. All welcome!

Christine Wright

Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm

**Agapé Supper** (*Agapé is a Greek word meaning love*)

Wendover Free Church remembers the Last Supper with a simple meal, a specially-written re-imagining of the events in the upper room, and the sharing of Holy Communion around the supper table. (Christian Centre)



Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10-11.30am **Refreshments & Crafts** (Christian Centre)

11.30 **Act of Worship** to start the 'Walk of Witness' (St Anne's Church)

12 noon **Churches Together Walk of Witness** through Wendover from St Anne's Church to St Mary's Church

1pm **A Service** of readings & reflections for Good Friday (St Mary's Church).

## A NEW COMMANDMENT... A LIVING HOPE

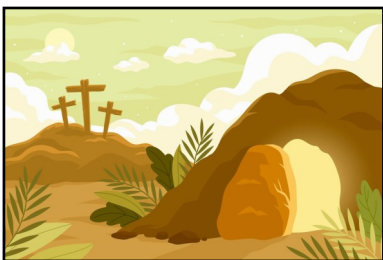
It is almost Easter Sunday!! When we remember and gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we aren't just marking a historical event; we are celebrating a love that changed the world forever.

The empty cross and the empty tomb are the ultimate signs of victory. But through his teaching Jesus also gave us a specific roadmap for us to live out

that victory in our daily lives. In our verse for the year Jesus says: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

The Easter story reminds us that love is not a passive feeling, but it is a resurrection power. Just as Jesus Christ

poured himself out for us, we are called to be a community defined by radical, self-sacrificial kindness. In a world that often feels divided or weary, our care for one another, the way we treat one another, serves as the brightest evidence that Jesus is



alive, and that we are his disciples.

During this season, as we journey towards

Easter, and then celebrate the resurrection, let us look for ways to make the love that we've been shown visible. Whether we do this through a simple word of encouragement, a helping hand, or a prayer, our actions represent the light of the risen Lord. May our hearts be full, our hope be renewed, and our love be overflowing.

**He is risen indeed!**

## What's on in April?

*(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)*

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

7.30pm **Free Church Agape Supper**

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** **No Poetry Please**

Please see Good Friday events on the front page

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am **Easter Sunday Worship**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** **Church Annual General Meeting & 'Bring & Share' Lunch**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm **Community Lunch**

**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**

## Reminder!

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

4pm **Churches Together on Palm Sunday,**

St Anne's Church

All welcome!

