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'Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
fluttering from the autumn
tree.' (Emily Brontë).



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All welcome to enjoy poetry
on this month's theme
which is
'Autumn'.



Bring a poem on the theme
if you wish.

book club

Our monthly book club continues to thrive! We welcome people from our Wendover community and beyond - and travel in time and space as we discuss the books individuals have read.

Please note that in September we will meet on the 26th, the fourth Saturday in the month.

October Newsletter and Beyond!

When you receive your newsletter in October, you may notice a difference!

This is because Microsoft, in its wisdom, will cease supporting Publisher software soon. I have used Publisher since 2007 to produce the monthly newsletter and found it easy and adaptable to use.

But no more! I will have to use Word which doesn't seem to have some of the features I need. I will continue to learn to work differently, but in the meantime, please bear with me. **Christine**

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WATER!

The summer of 2026 has brought us a renewed awareness of the value of water. The areas around Wendover have seen very little rainfall and we've heard of wildfires and failing crops.

Throughout the Bible, water is celebrated as a reminder of God's provision of life's necessities. There are many stories of how people used water in ordinary and in symbolic ways, reminding us that we should never take it for granted.

Our Sunday morning theme for September is 'Water' and we'll be exploring some of the Bible passages in which water is mentioned in a significant way. How many 'water' stories from the Bible can you think of?



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over

the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

Genesis 1:1,2

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water

of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:1,2

OUR HARVEST APPEAL

Operation Agri is the charity we are supporting for Harvest this year.

At our Harvest Thanksgiving on September 27th we will see how Operation Agri's partner in Nicaragua, AMOS Health and Hope, is empowering rural communities that have no doctor. AMOS trains local people to give First Aid, treat common illnesses, and monitor pregnant women and young children.

They give nutrition advice, and also provide water filters for safe clean drinking water. This valuable work is saving lives!

Nicaragua is the poorest country in South America so the need is great.

In many communities, water has to be collected from unsafe sources. The

filtration system illustrated can be used in each household.

The gathered water is poured into the upper barrel where it is filtered and then released into the lower one. The drinking water is now safe to use.



Please pray for AMOS workers and give generously to Operation Agri, showing Christian

love in action.

You can give at church at the end of September or by visiting

<https://operationagri.org.uk/product/make-a-donation>



What's on in September?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Wed 2nd 7pm Home Group Bible Study

Thurs 3rd 2.30-4.30pm Flower Arranging Group

Fri 4th 10.30-12 noon Poetry Please

Weds 9th & 23rd 10am-12 noon Craft Group

Thurs 10th & 24th 2-4pm Board Game Café

Sun 20th 10.45pm Messy Morning Harvest

Sat 26th 10.30-11.30am Book Club

Sun 27th 10.45pm Harvest Thanksgiving with **Church Meeting** after coffee, followed by shared lunch

Every Sunday 10.45am Morning Worship

Every Tuesday 10-12 noon Coffee Drop-in

Every Friday 7.30pm Table Tennis

NB There will be no Messy Church in September.

Home Group restarts at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd at the Christian Centre. The frequency of future meetings will be decided that evening, and dates will be posted in the weekly e-mail that is circulated with the worship sheets.

New members would be very welcome to join this time of Bible study and friendship.