

Wendover Free Church

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A CANDLE OF PEACE

Light a candle of peace for all nations
And watch as it steadily burns.
Remember the brave fallen heroes –
Those who will never return.

In the quietness, pray for all families,
Wherever they are in the world,
Whose lives have been scarred by
violence and pain,
As the banners of battle unfurled.



Light a candle of peace for all races,
All cultures and creeds of mankind,
Ask God to touch every heart with his love
So, in days to come, we will find
Peace for the whole world over,
No longer a dream or a prayer,
But something to last to the end of all time,
For the great heart of God will be there.

Marian Cleworth

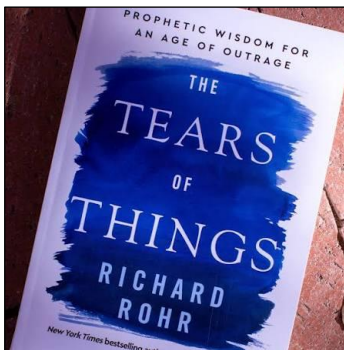
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THE TEARS OF THINGS

Over the past few months, I have been listening to the book “The Tears of Things” by Franciscan priest Richard Rohr, and I have found the book both comforting and challenging.

In the book Richard offers a gentle way forward in a world full of anger, exhaustion, and division. To help us find our footing, he turns to the ancient Old Testament prophets.

He would argue that the prophet’s main function is not to point to the coming of the Messiah (Jesus), but to prepare the way for the message of Jesus. To be able to understand the message of Jesus we need to understand the message of the Old Testament prophets. The prophets are much more than those who warn us about the future, they are there to show a different way to live and love, especially when times are tough.



Richard Rohr explains that true healing follows a simple journey: we move from anger, through honest sadness, to God’s deep love.

Today, it’s easy to get stuck in outrage or try to fix every problem on our own. But Richard reminds us that real

spiritual growth happens when we let our hearts break for what hurts the world. When we bring our sadness to God, he can turn our frustration into real kindness and mercy.

The book is written in a warm, welcoming style, and Richard encourages us to let down our guard and trust God with our painful feelings. *The Tears of Things* is an essential read for anyone in the congregation who would like to grow spiritually and embody a grounded, Christ-like presence in today’s world.

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What's on in November?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 1st 3pm Thanksgiving & Memorial Service, St Mary's Church

Weds 4th & 18th 10am-12 noon Craft Group

Thurs 5th 2.30-4.30pm Flower Arranging Group

Friday 6th: 10.30am Poetry Please

Sun 8th Remembrance Sunday

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

Sun 15th 10.45am Messy Morning

Sat 21st 10.30-11.30am Book Club

Sun 22nd Church Meeting after worship, followed by shared lunch

Every Sunday 10.45am Morning Worship

Every Tuesday 10-12 noon Coffee Drop-in

Every Friday 7.30pm Table Tennis

AYLESBURY WOMEN'S AID

As always, we have an opportunity to bring some joy to the women and children staying at Aylesbury Women's Aid over the festive season and here is a list of items that would be appreciated. Please do not wrap items as this will be done at the Refuge.

For the women: Slippers/ nightwear/ diaries/ toiletries/ chocolates/ biscuits/ hot water bottles/ blankets.

For the children: A range of gifts for ages and genders from birth to early teens.

Also, wrapping paper/ Sellotape / stockings will also be useful. Please bring all donations to church by Sunday 13th December at the latest,



With thanks. **Sandra Smith**

POETRY PLEASE

'To paint the lily, to throw a perfume on
the violet, is wasteful and ridiculous
excess.'

(William Shakespeare).

Everyone welcome on Friday 6th from
10.30am to 12 noon to enjoy poems on this
month's theme: 'Flowers'.



I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas!

Saturday 14th November 10.30 – 3.30

Please help with the publicity for our event. Can you
put up a poster or give a flyer to friend or neighbour?

Help setting up on and tidying up would be
appreciated and there are still spaces on the sign-up
sheets to fill. Please do what you can to make this year's event
another great time for all!



We have received this message from **Operation Agri** for our
harvest gifts:

"Thank you very much for the following gift to Operation Agri from
Wendover Free Church:

Amount: £240.00 (£190 church cheque + 2 personal cheques)

For: Nicaragua, Healthy Food Water Families

This is greatly helping our project partners to show Christian love
in action, as they enable people to gain the skills to lift
themselves out of poverty."