

# Wendover Free Church March 2020

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'The country life is to be preferred, for there we see the works of God, but in cities little else but the works of men. And the one makes a better subject for contemplation than the other.' William Penn.

Come along to our next Poetry Please on March 5th at 10.30am to enjoy poems inspired by the countryside.

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## ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please send in news and details of special celebrations to Christine Wright candgxwright@msn.com 01296 624084 Next month's deadline will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

We send our sympathy to the family and friends of Cecily Young. A funeral service will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am in Aston Clinton at the Parish Church.

**Concert!** Our own Ray White is a member of the Chess Valley Male Voice Choir, based in Chesham, which is performing in St Mary's Church in Wendover on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm in aid of Lindengate. The programme also includes talented young musicians, to give them experience of live audiences. In this concert a violinist and a recorder player will perform. Tickets £12 from 01494 7725042, from Lindengate or on the door.

## Family Film Evening

5-7pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February

### Toy Story 4

A relaxed environment to enjoy a family film together. Free entry, free popcorn and ice cream. Children, please remember to bring an adult.



## A POEM FOR LENT

Be still in the silence,  
in that impossible place,  
the silence paradox.  
Tick-tock creaking,  
hushed house humming,  
branches rustling,  
distant traffic's rumble.



But wait...  
In breath's dream stillness  
thoughts circle then fade.  
In the vortex where the still point stills  
words melt like frost.



This is the deep peace place of  
the one who anoints with love,  
the one who waits and welcomes  
with bleeding hands and smiling eyes  
each stubborn soul's  
tentative steps  
towards the still, small, voice of mystery.

'Be still, and know that I am God.'

Jan Richardson

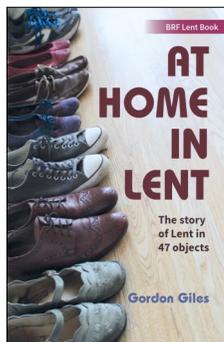
## A GOOD LENT

To help everyone observe a good Lent, Churches Together in Wendover has produced a 'menu' of resources and meetings which is available now.

There are ideas for books to read and actions to take.

There are Lent Meetings at 1pm each Tuesday (after the Lent Lunch at 12.30pm) and at 7.30pm at 21 Manor Road. The book to be studied is 'At Home in Lent' by Gordon Giles.

This is an original way of approaching Lent, one that will encourage you to consider your own faith journey in the light of the Easter story. Inspired by Neil MacGregor's Radio 4 programme, 'A History of the World in 100 Objects', Gordon Giles spends each week in a different 'room' gleaning spiritual lessons from everyday household objects. As a result, you might discover that finding God in the normal pattern of life - even in the mundane - transforms how you approach each day. Running as a thread through it all are the seven Rs of Lent: regret,



repentance, resolution, recognition, reconciliation, renewal and resurrection.

The book is available to buy at church, but also online, though if you don't have a copy, you can still attend the Lent Meetings, of course.

Other resources suggested are: 'Care for God's Creation' #LiveLent, a 40-day challenge published by the Church of England; '40acts for individuals' - see <https://40acts.org.uk/signup>

We are all encouraged to use the resources available to enrich our observation of the Lent season.

**Tuesdays throughout March:**  
**LENT LUNCHES** Tues 12.30pm, Christian Centre, followed by:  
**LENT COURSE** 1pm-2.30pm  
**EVENING LENT COURSE** Tues 7.30pm, 21 Manor Road

## What's on in March?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** 10.45am Morning Worship with All-Together Holy Communion  
**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** 7.30pm Council Meeting  
**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>** 11am Worship at Cherry Tree House; 12.30pm Soup Lunch; 1pm Lent Study; 7.30pm Lent Group, 21 Manor Road  
**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** 10am-12 noon Craft Group with 'Never Alone' Café  
**Thu 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Poetry Please

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Morning Worship; 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church  
**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Soup Lunch; 1pm Lent Study; 7.30pm Lent Group, 21 Manor Road  
**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Morning Worship; 6pm Evening Worship at Bankside  
**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Soup Lunch; 1pm Lent Study; 7.30pm Lent Group, 21 Manor Road  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** 10am-12 noon Craft Group

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** 10.30am Book Club  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10.45am Morning Worship for All Ages followed by 'Bring & Share' Lunch; 4.30pm Healing & Wholeness Service, St Mary's  
**Tue 24<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Soup Lunch; 1pm Lent Study; 7.30pm Lent Group, 21 Manor Road  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** 10.45am Morning Worship  
**Tue 31<sup>st</sup>** 12.30pm Soup Lunch; 1pm Lent Study; 7.30pm Lent Group, 21 Manor Road

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH

**Action for Children** states: 'Our vision is that every child and young person in the UK has a safe and happy childhood, and the foundations they need to thrive. We do this by working closely with children and their families, from before they're born until their twenties.'

There are three main areas of work:

- ◇ **Best start in life:** - improving children's life chances.
- ◇ **Good mental health:** - helping children and parents feel able to cope with challenges when they arise
- ◇ **A safe and loving home:** - making sure more children feel part of a family that cares for them and helping ensure young carers don't miss out on a childhood.

