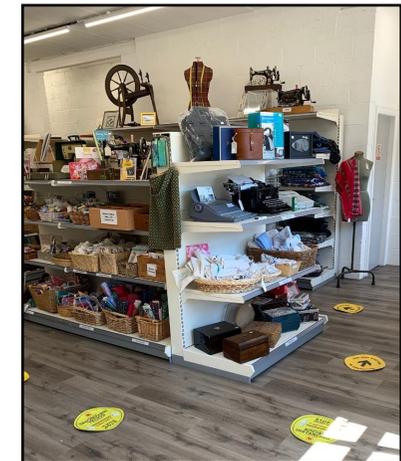


Wendover Free Church June 2020

Due to the ongoing corona virus situation, there are no planned activities until further notice. However, Sunday worship sheets are being distributed and everyone is encouraged to use them on Sunday mornings at 10.45am, if possible. You can worship with others on <https://www.facebook.com/WendoverFree/> at 10.45 am, using the Sunday worship sheet when Remco and Elly will lead the worship live.

PRAY FOR WORKAID

Our Mission Prayers for June are for Workaid. The Old Boot Factory in Chesham closed for volunteers in March, but the need for tools and machines to be used in Workaid's partner projects does not go away.



The Workaid shop with social distancing markers in place.

Normally containers (about eight a year) packed with agricultural tools, sewing machines, carpentry kits, and much more, leave Workaid bound for Kenya, Zambia, Uganda or Tanzania. But this has ground to a halt.

Workaid is now working out how to re-open the site for volunteers to resume their work of refurbishing items that have been donated. Please pray for wisdom as these decisions are made.

One area to be re-opened on 4th June is the Workaid shop. Measures have been taken to encourage social

distancing and the safety of the shop volunteers.

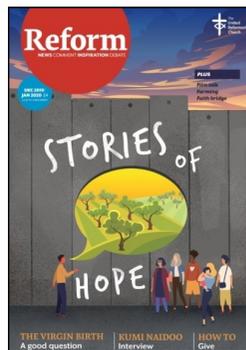
The proceeds from the shop provides funds for the cost of shipping containers and the other costs of running the charity.

Pray also for the vulnerable people running projects supported by Workaid.



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 21st June.



'Reform' Lockdown Offers!

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ON THE FRONTLINE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is Pentecost weekend and June is already here (almost). I continue to pray that God will keep you and your families well, especially during this time of lockdown and social distancing. We don't know how the easing off from the lockdown will affect us and how and when things will change, so it is important to continue to connect with each other in any way we can.

Over the next two Sundays (31/5 and 7/6) we'll be exploring the Pentecost story and how that shaped the early church. After that, on the 14th of June we'll be starting a new series called **'Frontline Sundays'**.

During this series we'll explore what our frontline of mission is. We generally only spend an hour a week together and the other hours of our week we are in other places meeting other people. In those places and with those people we are also disciples of Jesus, sharing his love and good news. Do we ever think about this? About where and who are our "frontline" of mission? How equipped are we to do this?

In Luke chapter 10 we read how

Jesus sends out 72 followers for mission in the villages and how thrilled he is with them and for them when they return and share their stories. Seeing each other grow in fruitful relationships with Christ out in the places where we spend most of our time, that is, our frontlines, with the people that we naturally connect to, doing our everyday things that we do well.

It's about being alive in Christ in all of life.

Monday to Saturday as well as on Sunday.

So, over those five Sundays we're going to explore the where, the who, the why and the how do we share this

exciting news of God's love for everyone with those we meet.

Connected to these five Sundays there is also a small group study which will run on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm on zoom. The invite will be published nearer to the time. Please pray about this series as we think about our frontline and how equipped we are to share God's love with those we meet. With every blessing during this strange time. Please stay safe and connect with each other.

Grace and peace to you all,

Remco



Our Mother Tongue is Love

A Sonnet for Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings

Today the hidden fountain flows and plays

Today the church draws breath at last and sings

As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water

Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.

The earth herself awakens to her maker

And is translated out of death to birth.

The right words come today in their right order

And every word spells freedom and release

Today the gospel crosses every border

All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace

Today the lost are found in his translation.

Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

Malcolm Guite *Sounding the Seasons*, Canterbury Press