



# Wendover Free Church May 2020

A thought from Christian Aid:  
Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts  
all of us.  
But love unites us all.



### ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please send in news and details of special celebrations to Christine Wright  
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Next month's deadline will be Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Due to the ongoing lockdown 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/Wendover Free/](https://www.facebook.com/WendoverFree/) at 10.45 am, using the Sunday worship sheet when Remco and Elly will lead the worship live.



### PLANT SALE 2020

Sadly, our annual Plant Sale has been cancelled. If you have been nurturing plants, why not give them to your neighbours?

## HOPE IN HARD TIMES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that you are all well and stay safe in this challenging time.

Last Sunday we were thinking about the resurrection story when Jesus met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

They were downcast and down-hearted. All their hopes and dreams were smashed and pulled away from under them. And

when they were traveling together, talking about it all, Jesus joined them and helped them to make sense of it all.

I believe that we are in a time like those first disciples experienced: everything we normally rely on is gone and we are left high and dry. But we can take heart and courage from the

fact that Jesus is in this with us.

He is still here with us, even when we can't meet together.

He is still here helping us to make sense of this strange and challenging time. And perhaps, when we can't do what we

normally do, we might have some time to talk to him and listen to him and be encouraged



and inspired to keep going.

May you know God beside you and with you. May God help you through the things that you find difficult. And may God inspire you and fill you with hope and love burning in your hearts.

May God bless you all.

Grace and Peace,

**Remco**



Our Mission Prayers are for Christian Aid. Christian Aid Week always takes place in May, but this year it will be different with no door-to-door collections or special events. However, Christian Aid is still in need of funds for its vital work among the most needy people in the world. The charity has put out this appeal: *'As this virus spreads across the world, love rises up in response. You've already shown incredible kindness to your neighbours. Now is the time to reach out to your neighbours both near and far. Your love protects. From storms, from drought, and now from coronavirus. Your love protects our global neighbours battling the spread of this illness. Your love protects. With soap, clean water and medical supplies. 'By supporting us this Christian Aid Week, you can reach out and protect more of your neighbours today. '*

Christian Aid work in **Africa** includes strengthening peace-building in South Sudan, promoting resilient farming in Kenya and challenging inequality in Sierra Leone. In **Asia**, the programmes include those which promote women's rights in Afghanistan, help rebuild lives after the Philippines typhoon, and ensure people can access the services they need in Bangladesh. In **Latin America** and **the Caribbean**, Christian Aid helps promote gender justice in Brazil and peace-building in Colombia, and supports marginalised communities to earn a living in El Salvador. Work in the **Middle East** and **North Africa** includes defending people's rights in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, protecting women at risk of violence in Iraq and providing humanitarian assistance to refugees in Lebanon.

Please give via the website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week> where possible or call 020 7523 2269 to donate by telephone.

## WENDOVER FOODBANK



During the coronavirus pandemic it will not be possible for the Wendover Foodbank to be open as normal on a Tuesday morning. However, **we are still able to help those in need** and are offering a telephone contact and delivery service in Wendover and the surrounding area. We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced non-perishable emergency food and support to local people who are struggling to put food on the table.

If you need help, or know someone who does, then please call John Shaw on 07899 964037 and arrangements will be made for food to be delivered safely. If you can, please obtain a voucher from one of our referral partners but if that's not possible let us know.

We are part of the Chiltern Foodbank network, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat

poverty and hunger across the UK. It won't surprise you to learn that demand for Foodbanks across the country has increased significantly since the lockdown began. Locally, at the time of writing, we had helped five clients and their families in Wendover in the past 10 days, compared to one in the previous three weeks.

If you would like to support the work of the Chiltern Foodbank you can donate non-perishable food in the box at Budgens (or John can collect it). Many thanks to the residents of Bryants Acre who recently pooled their resources and donated around 40 Kgs of food - enough to feed a family of four for about 4 days. You can also make financial donations on-line at <https://chilternfoodbank.charitycheckout.co.uk/Donate#!/>

