

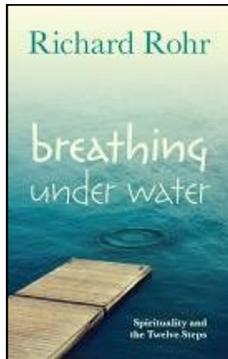
## “breathing under water” book group

Over the last twelve weeks we’ve been going through a series based on the steps and thoughts in the book “breathing under water” by Richard Rohr. The book is based on the 12 steps of AA.

Personally, I have found it a challenging book, but there is so much in there that resonates with our faith journey and the steps we go through as we follow Jesus. So for us to continue the conversation, and to have an opportunity to go deeper into the ideas and

thoughts in the book and the steps, we, together with Michelle White, are going to start a support group on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to be able to meet in person in the Christian Centre every other Thursday evening. We will, of course, need to adhere to social distancing and wear face coverings, etc. You will also need to book a space so we know who is going to be there

and there is room for you. If you are interested in attending this group please contact me to book your space. **Remco**



## ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please send in news and details of special celebrations to Christine Wright [candgxwright@msn.com](mailto:candgxwright@msn.com) 01296 624084 Next month's deadline will be Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.



**Happy Birthday**  
to  
**Lexi White**  
who will be 12  
on Wednesday  
8<sup>th</sup> April.

NEWSLETTER NO. 187

## Wendover Free Church

April 2021

## EASTER MESSAGE OF HOPE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the blessings of Easter bring you hope and joy.

We have been living with COVID-19 restrictions for more than a year now. We’ve missed meeting together, eating together, singing and so much more. It is almost like we’ve been in Lent, or a wilderness, for a whole year and most of us have struggled with the experience at times. Not being able to hug our family, or to do the things we enjoy, or to attend the things that sustain us is all very challenging.

However, we know and trust that God works all things together for our good and I’m convinced that God can bring new life & new hope for our church family out of this difficult experience.

As we reflect on the Easter

story, we realise that Jesus’ disciples were completely unprepared for either the trauma of the arrest and crucifixion or for the mind-blowing discovery that Jesus had conquered death and risen from the grave. Our God is able to do so much more than we can ask or imagine. So as we look forward to the end of our wilderness experience, let’s prepare ourselves to be amazed by what God has in store for us.

Grace and peace to you all,  
**Remco**

 He is  
**RISEN**

## MISSION PRAYERS FOR APRIL

This month I start my final six months as a Trustee of Tearfund. It has been a huge privilege to serve God in this way and I have greatly valued the prayer support of the Church over the last 8½ years, for Tearfund and for me. Tearfund's loyal supporters have been generous in responding to specific appeals to fund our work over the past year and we have felt incredibly blessed by God. This has enabled us to respond to the implications of the pandemic, which is making already desperate situations worse still in many places. One country on my heart is Yemen, which I visited with Oxfam in 2006. After six years of civil war there remains a huge need for food, safe water and sanitation and the country is on the brink of famine. Many hospitals and health centres have been destroyed, increasing the risk of the spread of coronavirus. Tearfund and our local partners have been able to

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*Following Jesus where  
the need is greatest*

provide some families with clean water and health kits. We are also delivering food packages and seeds and tools to enable people to grow their own vegetables to survive.

As Paul encourages us (Ephesians 6:8) keep praying:

- ◇ For the people of Yemen and that the conflict might end, and peace prevail.
- ◇ That the British Government might be forced to re-think the recent cut in aid to Yemen.

**John Shaw**



## WHAT'S ON IN HOLY WEEK?

**Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
7pm**

**Agapé Supper & Holy Communion**

On Zoom:  
Meeting ID: 839 2982  
1089,  
Passcode: 819409



**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Prayer Stations at St Mary's**

You can also leave a flower at the foot of the cross at St Anne's and/or take a small cross to hold as you walk from one church to the other.

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 3pm**

**Readings, prayers & reflections**

On Zoom  
Meeting ID: 738 629 141,  
Passcode: prayer



**Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**9am Prayer Gathering**

**3pm Reflections**

For both meetings:

On Zoom

Meeting ID: 738  
629 141,  
Passcode: prayer



**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**In person services at St Mary's  
6am, 9am and 10.30am**

Book via St Mary's website

**Free Church Home Worship  
Sheets & Holy Communion 10.45am  
on Facebook**

