



EASTER EGGS & MORE!

If you wish to donate Easter eggs for Aylesbury Women's Aid this year do let me know and I will arrange collection by Monday 29th March latest. Chocolate eggs for adults, children and teenagers will be gratefully received.

At the Refuge there is also an ongoing need for single fitted sheets, pillows, duvets, single duvet sets, cereal bowls, drinking glasses, dinner plates and bath towels so if you have any such items which are unwanted, I can collect those too. Thank you.



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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 22nd March.

A BLESSING FROM AN OLD HYMN

God be with you 'til we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you 'til we meet again.

Jeremiah Rankin 1828-1904



Wendover Free Church

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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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BAPTIST HOME MISSION

Baptist Home Mission, our prayer focus for March, has been described as the 'Baptist family purse', enabling mission & ministry throughout the Baptist Union. As Wendover Free Church, we budget for an annual sum to send to Home Mission which is used in a variety of ways to support initiatives in this country which would not otherwise happen.

Home Mission money gets split three ways:

- ◆ National expertise through specialist teams
- ◆ Regional support available more locally.
- ◆ Significant local impact through a number of situations.

This doesn't sound exciting, but it means that local churches with ideas about bringing the good news to their local communities, but who lack the expertise, support and finance for their projects are able to go ahead.

This year around £1.9m will be given to churches and other organisations (mainly churches) to help them in their mission.

As an example, Aylesham Baptist Church is focusing on **Renew61** which is part of Renew Wellbeing and is a Wellbeing Café:

'A place where it is ok not to be ok. The church is really grabbing hold of this initiative with a number of them being hosts. Through Renew61 we have been so blessed to see a real transformation in people.'



Please pray for this initiative and for many other churches having an impact through Home Mission Fund.

SHARING IS CARING

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We give thanks to God for the healthcare workers who have kept us safe during the pandemic, for those who've developed the vaccines and for those who enable us to get it freely and efficiently.

There have been some reports about concerns raised that if we don't ensure that the majority of the world gets vaccinated, the efforts here in the UK will be futile. The statistics that are shared are staggering and shocking. It is good that the UK has one of the highest vaccination rates in the world, but it is shocking that

we've ordered almost four times what is needed. Our Prime Minister promises that the surplus will be shared, but that might be too late. Most of us who have received, or will receive, the vaccine could have afforded to pay for it. Now it is suggested that we donate this cost to help someone else in the poorer parts of the world to get a vaccine. However, looking at the aid organisations, this isn't as easy as it sounds. Aid organisations don't

have any vaccines to give out. But, they are working in those places, keeping the people and healthcare workers safe, and some are even working with the governments to help with the safe distribution of the vaccine. I would like to encourage you to think and pray about this. We are very privileged here in Wendover and in the UK. I believe that as God's people we are obliged to work for God's kingdom to come everywhere in the world.



There are a number of aid organisations working on the ground as it were in those places that matter. [Christian Aid](#) encourages you to give thanks for your

vaccination through a donation, [BMS](#) has a coronavirus appeal to help them provide PPE and support to affected individuals and communities, and [UNICEF](#) hopes to deliver 2 billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most high risk people on our planet. Do pray and think about this and respond if you are able. And if you have any questions or would like help, please do let me know. Grace and peace to you all, **Remco**