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### 'Great News!

Poetry Please returns to its new Friday slot on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.30am.

Brush down your poetry books and join us if you can! Our theme will be:

'Uplifting Poems of Hope'



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### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

We can now meet in the church at our usual time - 10.45am. Every effort is made to ensure that this is safe for everyone. For those who prefer to stay at home at this time, the services are streamed on YouTube and Home Worship sheets produced as usual. There are still technical issues to overcome online, but we hope these can be dealt with soon.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

**Messy Church** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August is a Covid-secure session. Families are encouraged to book their table in advance. Information on how to book can be found on the Messy Church Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/MessyChurchWendover](https://www.facebook.com/MessyChurchWendover)  
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### book club

**Saturday 21st August at 10.30am**

Following our successful re-opening in July, we will now meet monthly.

As usual, no set books, just interesting discussion about what we've been reading.  
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**Craft Group** will re-open on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 10am - 12 noon.

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## Wendover Free Church

### August 2021

*Prayer is like watching for  
The kingfisher. All you can do is  
Be there where he is like to appear, and  
Wait.*

*Often nothing much happens;  
There is space, silence and  
Expectancy.*

*No visible signs, only the  
Knowledge that he's been there  
And may come again.*

*Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,  
You have been prepared.*

*But when you've almost stopped  
Expecting it, a flash of brightness  
Gives encouragement.*



*Anne Lewin*

# THE PILLAR OF PRAYER

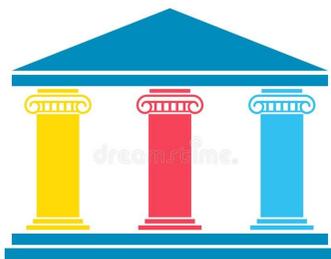
Dear brothers and sisters,  
Over the last year and a half, there has been a group of people who have faithfully prayed together every working day on Zoom at 9am. Also there has been a group praying each Saturday morning on Zoom. In these prayer meetings we are reminded of God's love for us all, and we pray for things going on in the world, our country and for one another. Weekday meetings will continue during August, but there won't be Saturday morning prayer meetings. However, we can still pray!

In a book I was listening to by Richard Rohr, called *Everything Belongs*, Richard pointed out that there are three pillars to our Christian life: community, teaching and prayer. All three are equally vital to our life together and our life as Christians, but prayer is sometimes the one that is neglected or ignored.

We are hoping to re-start Saturday morning prayer in September, but it would be good to know if a different day or time would work for more people. Praying together, sharing

silence, sharing liturgy or simply open prayer are all very powerful and formative for our Christian life and for our life as Church family.

The good news for us is that every single one of us has a direct line to the God of the Universe; everyone of us is equally called to prayer and welcomed into God's presence. Praying together encourages us and helps us to grow closer to God and to each other.



I think that praying together is a bit like exercise, it is vital for our health, it has many benefits but sometimes it can be difficult to get over the hurdles

and excuses we make to avoid it!

Like exercise, praying together needs to become a habit. This makes it possible (or even easy) to keep up with. So I invite you to ponder on what could help to make praying together a more satisfying part of your spiritual life.

Do let me know your thoughts and questions.

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

# PRAYER WALKS

It's August! Often this is the month in which we intentionally go for prayer walks. This year, I will be outside the Christian Centre at 7.30pm on the following Wednesday evenings: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. I invite you to join me.

If there are enough prayer walkers, we'll go out in pairs for about 45 minutes to pray, listen to God and talk together about what it seems God is saying to us. Or you could stay put, perhaps praying as you enjoy the new garden behind the Centre.

That may not be possible for you for a number of reasons, so I'm repeating ideas from last year, some of which should work for anyone. Do join in the prayer adventure! **Christine Wright**

You could choose a set day each week, or work out each week what day would be best. It could be part of your usual route you walk, or a special occasion to "walk & pray".

You can do this by going out or staying at home. You could look out of the window into the street, walk to the end of the path or drive or street, have a little walk around the block, or a walk through the town.

You could choose your own category like care homes or businesses, shops or places where children normally meet or just the people who live there.

When you walk, in real life or in your thoughts, pray for the people who live and work there to know God's love. Pray for the activities that take place, giving thanks for the good and asking for wisdom and grace where things could improve.



When you "walk and pray", it would also be good to "listen" to what God is saying about the areas your walking through or thinking about. What do you notice? What is God saying to you?