

'If you truly love Nature, you will find Beauty everywhere.' Vincent Van Gogh.

Come along to our next Poetry Please on Friday 1st October at 10.30am when our theme will be beauty in all its forms.

Harvest Gifts for Aylesbury Women's Aid

Donations of non-perishable food and toiletries will be collected on Sunday 3rd October. If you are not coming to church, details of how to give will be given soon.

There is also a Food Bank collection in October run by the Youth Centre. Please make sure your gifts for Aylesbury Women's Aid are given in church or collected by us!

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 25th October.

Update from the Grays

The Gray family sends special greetings to you all at Wendover Free Church and would be delighted if any of you can join us at Road Farm for **Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th October (2pm-4.00pm)**. Time flies, we do miss you all, but having moved, feel it right that we now are more part of the Missenden Church community. We are especially hugely grateful for your supportive prayers over many years. A quick family update: our Nathan graduated with his MSc in Chemistry and has returned to York for a 3 year PhD position. Rachel is on her gap year in Somerset, gaining experience at the RSPCA Wildlife hospital, Reuben is now in his A level year and Lydia is starting to study for GCSEs. Hoping to see you soon.

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HARVEST APPEAL - TEARFUND

Recent conflict in Afghanistan has reportedly forced around 550,000 people from their homes. Having run for their lives with little more than the clothes on their backs, they are in urgent need of support.

means that hospitals are already overstretched.

Tearfund partners are doing everything they can to help – our donations will ensure that they can do even more.

Many people have remained in Afghanistan, while others have fled to neighbouring countries. Tearfund's local partners are on the ground and have provided life-saving relief packages to those in need. The packs include food and vital hygiene supplies such as soap and face masks.

Due to the unstable nature of the situation, if Tearfund partners in Afghanistan are unable to continue their work then funding will be used in the surrounding region to support people who seek refuge there.

We will be invited to give to this appeal at our harvest services on Sundays October 3rd & 10th, but you can also give via the Tearfund website: www.tearfund.org

They're also offering trauma support to people who have been affected by the horrific violence. The need is vast. Afghanistan is also experiencing its worst drought in decades, meaning food and water supplies are limited. And the coronavirus pandemic



PROCEEDING WITH CAUTION!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

October is upon us already and it seems to be a busy month coming up. Things are picking up again which is great. However, we need to continue to be sensible & careful with one another.

This year we will have our Harvest celebrations & reflections in October spread out over two Sundays (3rd and 10th) when we'll be looking at the Old Testament book of Ruth. Then we'll continue with the Old Testament, looking at some of the kings of Israel in 1 and 2 Kings.

On the 3rd October we will also have our first in-person church meeting for a long time. This will happen directly after the service (no lunch together this time) and there will also be an opportunity to "Zoom in". It would be great to have many attend and contribute to the meeting.

Some have wondered when things will return back to normal. While I understand the question and the longing, I believe that we are creating a new normal. And I think that things might never go back to how they were exactly before the Covid pandemic hit us.

The government isn't imposing any restrictions (at the time of writing). However, we are very aware of the vulnerability of some of our congregation and we would like to do anything we can to keep everyone safe. This is why our risk assessment still recommends some restrictions. Also, the way we gather on Sunday morning is not set in stone. What we do at the moment is informal and interactive and connects those at home with those who are able to be in the building. It is great to see and hear the conversations about our faith taking place

during our gathering. During October we hope to be able include more people taking part in the service - leading the prayers and some other things.

My prayer is that October will be a blessing to us all as individuals and church community, and that we can be a blessing to those we meet. May we know God's love around us and within us and may we reflect that love in all we do and are.

Grace and peace to you all,

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What's on in October?

Friday 1st 10.30am
Poetry Please

Sunday 3rd
Church Meeting after Worship
with Holy Communion

Sunday 10th October
3.30-5.30pm, St Anne's Hall
Messy Church
Booking available soon through
Facebook and Eventbrite.

Saturday October 9th 2-4pm
Afternoon Tea at Road Farm
(See back page.)

Wednesdays 13th & 27th
10am-12 noon
Craft Group

Saturday 16th at 10.30am
Book Club

Table Tennis every Friday at
7.30pm.



COMMUNI-TEA FRIENDS

Join us for a cuppa and a chance to connect with others in your community. After a year of being cooped up indoors, socialising only through screens, why not join us and spread some conversational cheer in a warm and friendly Covid-secure space?

Sessions are delivered by Heritage and Sons Funeral Directors and are entirely free and open to all to attend on an ad hoc or regular basis. There will be tea and cake a-plenty, and from time to time, additional organised activities such as quizzes, movement and games, as well as simply being a space to meet new people.

At Wendover Christian Centre every Tuesday
afternoon from 1pm until 3pm.

