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'Wherever I wander,
wherever I roam,
the hills of the Highlands
forever I love.'

Robert Burns



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Our next meeting will be on Friday 7th January at 10.30am.
See if you can bring along a poem by a Scottish poet.
If not, bring a poem with a Scottish connection, or one of your own favourites.



Happy Birthday

to Sylvia Levitt

who will be 90
on Saturday 8th January.

**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 24th January.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair on December 11th proved a great success. Thanks to all who helped out and to those who came along to support the event. The final total will be around £750 which will be sent to 'Embrace'.

Congratulations to Sally Maitland who won the 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition!



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Wendover Free Church
January 2022

JOY IN WINTER

In the short, dark days of winter,
of stark landscapes and bitter winds,
the trees stretch empty branches into grey skies.
Some days the light hardly rises
and the mist never clears.

'Who can stand before the cold?'
In the Psalmist's words,
God comes to melt the cold
to let the ice flow again as water
to warm the wheat into life in the wintry fields.

Come, God of life, into our wintry world.
Come like the first green shoots on winter days.
Come and unbutton
even our cautious hearts,
that we may stretch,
waking, into life once more,
smile again and welcome
joy,
that we may praise you
and bless one another.
Amen.



Psalm 147:17,18

Susan Durber URC Prayer Handbook 2009

AYLESBURY TOWN CHAPLAINCY

As part of our regular mission giving, we at Wendover Free Church support the work of the Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy. Part of our motivation for this reflects our gratitude that our own church is part of a small community, rarely experiencing the same level of need for street chaplaincy as often exists in more urban areas.

Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy is a Christian organisation run by local churches.

Chaplains provide a friendly, non-judgemental, listening ear to anyone in need during the daylight hours. Street Angels are out and about in the hours of darkness providing a calming presence, aiming to keep the town centre safe for all at night.

Perhaps you might like to make this prayer your prayer, or maybe you would prefer to pray in your own individual way, from your heart.

Jan Richardson

Loving God, we thank you for the work of Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy.

Thank you particularly for the positive difference they can make to the individuals that they come alongside each day.

Please guide their footsteps as they seek out the vulnerable, lonely and those in need of help.

Help them to know when to speak and when to remain silent. Help them, by your Spirit, to find the words they need.

We pray too for those people who are experiencing challenging times in their lives, whether because of poverty, bereavement, difficult situations with friends or family, or perhaps poor physical or mental health.

May your peace surround them all, and keep them safe from harm.

Above all, we pray that Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy will be able to bring your unconditional love to the people of Aylesbury.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Friday 7th 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Wednesday 8th 10am-12 noon
Craft Group

Saturday 15th 10.30am **Book Club**

Sunday 9th 3.30-5.30
Messy Church
Booking essential.

Every Sunday 10.45am
Morning Worship



Thanks to Emma Critchley for organising our Church Christmas card. She sent the money given to Christian Aid and received this reply:

Thank you for your gift of **£92.00** this Christmas. Thanks to your love, mums on the frontline of the climate crisis may no longer face the impossible choice of giving their

CHRISTIAN AID

children dirty water or none at all. Your gift this Christmas could mean that mums like Adut Mariu in South Sudan could have access to safe, clean water for her children to drink. Thank you for standing with the world's poorest families in South Sudan and around the world. With every blessing

J. Lams Fundraising Manager
Christian Aid

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our Church directory is available to everyone associated with the church, but our current edition is out of date! We will be updating over the next few months.

If your details are already in the directory and those details are still correct, you need do nothing. If you have moved or changed your e-mail address or if you wish your name to be removed, please let me know as soon as possible.

It would be good to include those

who have joined the church in the last two years, so let me know in person, by phone or e-mail (see box on back page of this newsletter) if you' like to be included.

The directory is only circulated to Wendover Free Church so we can keep in touch with each other and is not intended for any other use.

Christine Wright

