

POETRY

'Spring is when life's alive in everything',
Christina Rossetti.

PLEASE

Come along to our next Poetry
Please on Friday April 1st at
10.30am and enjoy a selection of
poems about Spring, or Easter.
Everyone welcome!



EASTER EGGS



As Easter approaches, I am once again collecting Easter eggs which will be donated to Aylesbury Women's Aid for the women, children and teenagers who are currently staying there. Any chocolatey treats will be welcome; please would you let me have your donations by Sunday 10th April. Thank you. **Sandra Smith**

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 April.

QUIZ

In Aid of Refugees
from Ukraine

Come with a team or alone (we'll find a team for you!). Fish and chips (other options available) will be served. Please book in advance and order your preferred meal (fish, sausage or veggie). Sign-up in church or get in touch with Michelle (01296 696933 or e-mail: mail@michellewhite.org)

7PM SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

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Wendover Free Church
April 2022

CHURCHES TOGETHER EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday 10th:
3.30-5.30pm
(Booking essential)



Mon 11th, Tues 12th, Wed 13th
7.30pm St Mary's Church Quiet
before 8pm **Compline**

Thursday 14th: 7.30pm
Agapé Supper (Free Church)
Simple meal and Communion.
Please sign up or tell Emma
(emmacritchley@eclipse.co.uk/
624066) you are coming.

Good Friday 15th:
9am - 4pm St Anne's & St Mary's
Open for Prayer
12.15am **Walk of Witness** from
St Anne's to St Mary's
1pm **Good Friday Service**, St
Mary's

Holy Saturday 16th
9am -4pm St Mary's & St
Anne's **Open for Prayer**
10am **Holy Saturday Liturgy**
in St Anne's church

Sunday 17th
10.45am **Easter
Sunday Worship**



2pm What is going on when God seems absent? Watch 'The Shack' movie' (in the Christian Centre)



WHAT'S ON IN APRIL?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Friday 1st: 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Tuesdays 5th & 12th: 11am **Lent Course** followed by soup lunch

Thurs 7th: 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Weds 13th & 27th 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Sat 23rd: 10.30am **Book Club**

Every Sunday: 10.45am **Morning Worship (Easter Sunday 17th)**

Every Tuesday: **Communi-tea Friends Café** starting with lunch

Every Wednesday: **Lent Course study/Home Group**

at 21 Manor Road or phone **0208 080 6592**,

(Meeting ID 840 1613 1066, password 105461).

NB. Sunday 1st May: Church AGM
with 'bring & share' or 'bring-your own' lunch.

A Blessing for Holy Week

The blessings of this week will be extravagant, unexpected, transforming:

The extravagant blessings of the One
who remembers those who the world will usually shun;

the unexpected blessing of the One
who will tell of betrayal coming, but still shares the bread;

the transforming blessing of the One
who knows we will not always keep watch,
but still calls us friends.

The extravagant, unexpected and transforming blessing of Christ,
beaten and crucified,
be ours this Holy Week and for eternity

Anne Sardeson URC Prayer Handbook 2015

CONTEMPLATING GOD'S LOVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
We're more than halfway through
the season of Lent and are
approaching Easter time!

In our Sunday morning gatherings,
we've been looking in the gospel of
John at the final evening Jesus
spent with his disciples. Before he
was arrested and tried and killed,
Jesus warned his

friends about the
things that were to
come. He encouraged
them to trust God and
to put into practice
that which he had
taught them. These
words were
challenging to the
disciples then, and to
us today. I think
perhaps the most

important challenge we've heard is
of staying connected to Jesus and
living our day-to-day lives in his
strength and grace.

For me it has been helpful to be
thinking about and working our
way through the book *The Way of
the Franciscans* during this time of
Lent. Through the book and the
conversations at the Lent groups
we've been exploring and
discovering how the Franciscan
movement developed and about its

approaches to prayer. We've
talked about the importance of
nature, about Jesus, contemplation
and the cross. So when we think of
those challenging passages in the
gospel of John, it can be very
helpful for us to use imagination
and contemplation so that we can
hear what God wants to say to us
today.



My prayer is that
during this time
in the run up to
Easter you will
continue to
explore the
breadth and
depth and
height of God's
love for you.
May you
discover afresh

that joy and excitement that comes
from knowing that you are loved
intimately by God, the creator of
the universe, and that he longs to
commune with you through prayer
and contemplation.

And may Easter be a time of
celebration, not just because Jesus
lives, but also because we live in
him.

Grace and peace to you all,

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