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Come along to Poetry Please on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am and join in with a convivial morning of poetry, chat and refreshments. Our theme for



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the morning will be a feel-good poem, something that lifts the spirits!

## LETTER OF THANKS

I am writing to say thank you to you for the Easter eggs, bedding and £50 M&S voucher that you recently donated to the refuge. The eggs were given to the women and children here and helped provide a better Easter for them all. The bedding will be stored and given to the women when they leave to set up new homes. We have decided to put the M&S voucher towards school uniform for the children here. Thank you again for thinking of us.

**Lynda Chapman**, Support Worker for Aylesbury Women's Aid

### 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 .30<sup>th</sup> May.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### Correction!

If you have Judy Pasmore's old e-mail address in your new directory, please amend it. Remove the word 'outlook' and put 'gmail' in its place. (Some directories were amended by hand.) Apologies to Judy for the mistake.

I still have several copies of the directory. Please ask if you have yet to pick one up or if you prefer a digital copy. **Christine**

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Wendover Free Church  
May 2022

## MISSION PRAYERS FOR MAY

**Christian Aid Week**  
15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May



**In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's.**

The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children. And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe.

Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

**'But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.'**

Our gifts this Christian Aid Week could help Jessica set up water taps on her farm, learn to grow

food, and provide seeds that thrive in drought – giving her all she needs to turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

This Christian Aid Week, help turn hunger into hope. With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

Please pray that God will enable us to be generous, and that hunger will be turned into hope in Zimbabwe.



**How to give:** Christian Aid envelopes will be delivered to some streets to be returned to 'Just', 11 High Street. You can also pick up an envelope at church or give online at [christianaid.org](http://christianaid.org).

## LETTING GO & TRUSTING GOD

Dear Brothers and Sister,

I was very sorry to miss our Holy Week activities and our Easter Sunday service, but I was not well at all. I am pleased to say that I am feeling a lot better now and I'm very grateful for the church family that supported me; and those who stepped up and took over my responsibilities and led the Easter service.

Being ill is not something I have much experience with. I'm not sure I can remember a time when I have felt quite so bad. While I was ill, I found it very difficult to let go of responsibilities, worries and cares for those around me. I

suppose it didn't help that the week before Easter is usually a week filled with meaningful and significant activities. There were things to be done, people to phone, emails to write and meetings to be had, and I couldn't do any of it. This helpless feeling - of not being in control of my own responsibilities, was challenging and frustrating.

Being ill certainly wasn't pleasant or convenient but I've tried to learn more about life, God and myself from the experience. It has helped me to understand some of that

feeling of having to let go - letting go of responsibilities and people and trusting that they will be OK.

Easter did happen, and so did the service. People were looked after and supported. God didn't let his people down. Of course not! He never does!

I guess that as we mature in age and increase in wisdom, we come to realise that sometimes we do need to trust other people to help us. We need to let go, to accept

help when we are not able to do what we used to do, and to trust that things will be OK even if they are done differently from how we would do them.

God was with me when I was ill. Through the care and support I received, I know that God was at work. Through the things that happened without me and around me, I know that God was at work. And God's love for me doesn't depend at all on how useful I am. His love for us is full free and unconditional, wider and higher and deeper than we can understand.

Grace and peace be with you all.

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## WHAT'S ON IN MAY?

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>:** 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am **Poetry Please**

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>:** 10.30am **Book Club**

**Every Sunday:** 10.45am **Morning Worship**

**Every Tuesday:** 1-3pm **'Bridging the Gap' Café** (new name for 'Communi-tea Friends')

**Every Wednesday:** **Home Group** at 21 Manor Road or phone **0208 080 6592**, (Meeting ID 840 1613 1066, password 105461).

### Date for your diary:

**Sunday 5th June** To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there will be a celebratory lunch. All church friends are invited, especially those who have not felt able to come to church recently. Transport will be provided. More details nearer the time.

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**This is the 200<sup>th</sup> Free Church newsletter!**

Previously, Churches Together news was published in 'Contact', available in all three churches monthly. When it was not produced any more, I had the idea of bringing out our own monthly newsletter. I wanted it to be informative, easy to read and colourful! The first edition came out in October 2005. Sandra Smith was the first editor and I did the donkey work of desktop publishing and distribution. Vicky Taylor took over from Sandra, and then I was happy to carry on alone.

I felt it was important that everyone should get a named copy as many copies of 'Contact' always remained unclaimed. Now this is easier to arrange as most of us receive the newsletter by e-mail and the rest are delivered with home worship sheets or picked up in church. Thanks to all who contribute regularly - and to all who read it!

**Christine**