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Come along and celebrate the season with a selection of poems on the theme of 'Summer'!

Our next Poetry Please session is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10.30am. Everyone welcome!

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Coffee Drop in is opening again on 12<sup>th</sup> July, but with a difference. Part of the room will be prepared for small children and their carers. Refreshments, company and chat available to all-comers.

If you are interested in helping out on a rota basis, please talk to Remco.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Please send in news and details of special celebrations to Christine Wright [candxwright@msn.com](mailto:candxwright@msn.com) 01296 624084 Next month's deadline will be Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together.

Revelation 3:20  
(The Contemporary English Version)



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Wendover Free Church  
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**MISSION PRAYERS FOR CWM**

The Council for World Mission, to which the United Reformed Church is affiliated, is a grouping of 32 member churches from all continents engaging with each other in mission.

CWM's **Legacies of Slavery** project addresses the roots of racial inequalities and injustices today and acknowledges that they lie in part in the rhetoric, practice and fund-raising of mission societies like CWM's forebear the London Missionary Society. Through four Legacies of Slavery hearings based in several countries in 2017 & 2018, stories of anguish during the transatlantic slave trade were both heard & acknowledged.

*We pray for those affected by*



*past injustices and those who seek equality and justice for people in every part of the world today.*

CWM continues to highlight the diverse contexts & experiences of member churches across the world, exploring matters ranging from the contribution of 'Prophets from the Global South' to the URC's involvement in the campaign coalition 'Together with Refugees'. CWM's mission is that we are called in Christ to radical and prophetic discipleship, working in partnership with churches and the ecumenical community to resist life-denying systems, affirm peace, do justice and enable life-flourishing communities.

*We pray with CWM that we may seek a life rooted in obedience to God's mission focused on living out the New Heaven and New Earth in the midst of a violent, abused and grieving world as signs of transforming love.*

**Emma Critchley**



## I WILL WALK 500 MILES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As some of you know Elly and I will be away from the end of August to the end of November this year. I will be on my Sabbatical and Elly will be joining me. During September and October we are going to be walking the Camino de Santiago, which translates to 'The Way of St James'. This is the most popular Christian pilgrim route in the world and has been walked for more than ten centuries. The route we're taking is 500 miles long and goes from St Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compostela in the north of Spain. Tradition tells us that the remains of St James are buried in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, which is why it has become a popular pilgrim destination.

We are interested in walking this route for a number of reasons.

1) It is a challenge. It's a long walk and we'll need to carry what we need with us. As we'll be sleeping in pilgrim hostels, we will have to let go of our comfort and luxury.  
2) It is an opportunity to reflect. When the days are similar, when we are walking for most of the day, we

can reflect on life and our place in the universe and listen to what God has to say to us through that.

3) It is a time to recharge. Although it might be hard work, it is a different kind of work. It is a time to enjoy and appreciate a different part of the world and the beauty of creation there.

We'll be fairly cut off from communications & technology; we'll only have our phones with us. We may be able to post an update, hopefully with some pictures now and again. We'll have to see how things go and what we are able to do each day.

We would appreciate your prayers as we continue to prepare for our Sabbatical and the walk. Also please pray for our members of Council as they will be taking on some extra responsibilities while I'm away.

Grace and peace to you all,

**Remco**



*(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>:** 10.30am **Poetry Please**

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>:** 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>:** 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>:** 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

**Sat 16<sup>th</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:** 7.30pm **Home Group** at 21 Manor Road or phone 0208 080 6592, (Meeting ID 840 1613 1066, password 105461).

**Every Friday:** 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our **Mission Supper** evenings were highlights in our calendar for many years. This year, we are reviving the tradition. On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, we'll have the opportunity to share a seasonal supper and hear about the work of a charity in Nicaragua. Please put the date in your diary.

Christmas is, of course, a highlight in our church calendar. This year, we'll be holding a **Christmas event** on & around **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. (Exactly what will be decided soon.) We want to share the Christmas story and as usual as raise funds for

'Embrace the Middle East'. There will be plenty of opportunities for all to get involved!

Next year marks the **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wendover Free Church**. It's right that we celebrate this historic milestone with our two denominations, alongside St Anne's & St Mary's, but we also want to have our local community in mind. Plans are at a very early stage, but Sunday **26<sup>th</sup> March 2023** has been earmarked as our anniversary. There will be a Gift Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March as part of our celebrations.