

The Parish Church of St Anne, Wendover

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Masses and Celebrations this week:

Day:	Time:	Celebration:	Mass Intention:
Sunday	9.00 am	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	All Parishioners
Monday	No Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina	No Mass
Tuesday	10.15 am	Our Lady of Walsingham	Mary Burtoft, RIP
Wednesday	9.30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mary Burtoft, RIP
Thursday	9.30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mary Burtoft, RIP
Friday	9.30 am	St Vincent de Paul	Mary Burtoft, RIP
Saturday	9.30 am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	Mary Burtoft, RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	All Parishioners

Churches Together Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday via Zoom at 9.00 am. You can join at home or on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday share the Zoom prayer together in person in St Anne's Church before Mass. The link to use is: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/738629141?pwd=M09iMkVEMzdRVHAWNmdwdEMzZWxaUT09>

On Saturdays Mass will be followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** for an hour. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is celebrated during Adoration on Saturdays, after any Mass or at other times on request. The **Rosary** is usually prayed immediately after the 10.15 am Mass on Tuesdays.

Today

Mass Book Pages the Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

Page 7: The Order of Mass

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Our **SVP** Conference will meet after Mass today.

This Week

Tuesday 10.00 am Coffee Drop-in in the Christian Centre.

Wednesday 10.00 am Craft Group in the Christian Centre.

Thursday 9.30 am Noah's Ark Parent and Toddler Group in the Christian Centre.

Friday 7.30 pm Table Tennis in the Christian Centre.

Saturday 10.30 am Book Club in the Christian Centre

Next Sunday – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday is the **World Day for Migrants and Refugees**. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has published the video presentation of this year's World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees. This can be found here:

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/giornata-mondiale-migrante-e-rifugiato-2024-tema-messaggio-papa.html>

Looking Ahead

Friday 4 October: Harvest Fast Day for CAFOD.

CAFOD is our Caritas agency for overseas development and reaches out to those living in poverty and affected by wars and injustice globally. To carry on doing our vital and transformative work, we need your continued support. Please give using the envelopes provided or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

Sunday 6 October: Second Collection for CAFOD

Sunday 13 October 9.00 am After Sunday Mass today all members of the parish are invited to meet 'in Council' to continue the process of Preparing for Mission. We need to spend a considerable amount of time preparing ourselves for the Parish Mission planned for June next year and considering what steps we can take to make it a positive life changing experience for all of us.

Saturday 19 October 7.00 for 7.30 pm: SVP Supper – Have you bought a ticket yet? Tickets will be available after Mass today.

Sunday 20 October: World Mission Day with a Second Collection for Missio.

Friday 1 November: All Saints Day with Mass at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm.

Saturday 2 November: All Souls Day with Mass at 9.30 am.

Sunday 10 November: Remembrance Sunday

Wednesday 20 November is 'Red Wednesday' for Aid to the Church in Need who have sent the following message: 'Your support over the years means that Red Wednesday is now a significant voice for persecuted Christians around the world. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is extremely grateful for your support. This year's focus is on Christian children who are displaced and suffering due to targeted violence.

Sunday 24 November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe with Second Collection for Youth Services.

General Notices

Autumn is the time of year when we start to offer preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation: First Holy Communion for Children, Confirmation for Young People and Reception into the Church for Adults. If you are a child or parent thinking about preparation for **First Holy Communion** or a young adult considering **Confirmation** or you are interested in finding out more about **becoming a Catholic** please speak to Father Derek to find out more. So far we have had an approach from two families for preparation for First Holy Communion for their children. So far one young person has enquired about Confirmation and the Pastoral Area Preparation Course will begin on 1 February at 7.30 pm in St Clare's Church, Aylesbury, The local RCIA or Journey in Faith preparation for adults enquiring about being received into the Church has begun and one person from Wendover has joined it – it is not too late to join the group! Please speak to Father Derek if you would like to know more about these opportunities.

Last Sunday:

Our Mass attendance:

Adults: 54, Children: 12, Total: 65

Our collections:

Collection basket £52.50 - Digital collections: £50.00

In addition the average amount received through Bank Standing Orders each week is: £301.52.

Total Collection last Sunday £404.02

If the time has come for you to set up a regular standing order the parish bank details are: Account Name: RCDN St Anne's Catholic Church, Sort Code: 60-06-11 - Account Number: 46714480

The Second Collection for **Home Mission Sunday** was £71.40. Thank you.

Please Pray for:

Our Sick and Housebound especially: Helen Knights, Doreen Smith, Anne Dykes, John and Pamela Knights, Anne Reeve.

Anniversaries: Collette Spain, Margaret Corbishley, Francis Jones, Linus Peter Jayawardena, Jean Winter.

All who have died recently: Natalie Tosney.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September: "That each of us will listen with our hearts to the cry of the earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and climate change, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit."

Mass Intentions. We seem to have got out of the habit again of requesting Intentions for each of our daily Masses. Currently Father Derek has to rely on Mass Intentions sent to him from outside the parish.....



A poster for SVP Supper. It features a dark blue background with a white cross in the top right corner containing the letters 'SVP'. Below the cross, the text reads: 'SVP Supper', '7 for 7:30pm start', 'Mass beforehand at 6pm', 'Saturday 19th October 2024', '£15 per person with drinks included (children free)', 'St Anne's Christian Centre, Wendover', and 'Buffet of cuisines including: Indian, Caribbean & Eastern European'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a buffet table with various dishes and a globe.

Caspar

When we introduced the Caspar Parish Administration and Census System a year ago we made a great start, in fact for a while we were the parish with the highest proportion of parishioners signed up in the whole Diocese, but now a year later 90% of the parishes are running it! We have 75 people signed up but we are aware of about 30 regular parishioners who have yet to do so. If you are one of the 30 please sign up as soon as possible. If you need help in signing up please ask Father Derek who will be happy to show you how. If you have not yet signed up then the parish has no record that you belong to it and no way of contacting you. Signing up to the Caspar System is a great help to the priest so please be kind enough to do so and help him in his work Thank You!



If you are new to the parish or have not already done so please complete our parish census

To do so please type: www.caspar.church/me?ID=56094 into a search engine or use the QR code on the left side of this note.

One benefit of signing up is that the parish Newssheet will be sent each week to your email address or mobile phone.

The Parish of St Anne, Wendover

'Growing as Missionary Disciples'

Some first steps in preparing for a Parish Mission in June 2025

Reporting Back

Last Sunday 17 members of St Anne's parish met 'in Council' in three small groups after Mass to take some early steps in preparing for the Parish Mission that we have booked from Sunday 22 to Friday 27 June 2025.

The first task set for the three groups was as follows: 'Imagine that a friendly alien has landed in Wendover and noticed people going to Church. The alien has no experience of any kind of faith were they come from and are totally puzzled by the whole idea. The inquisitive alien asks you to answer a question with one word: 'What is most important to you about your faith?' In your group please pause quietly for a few moments thought and then go round the group with each member offering one word that describes what their faith means to them. Each member of the group must use a different word to the other members and once a word has been used it must not be used again and other words must be chosen'. When each member of the group has spoken their word please go round the group again with every member saying a little bit more about the word they choose. Once everyone has spoken please join in a general conversation about 'Faith'.

The following words, not in any particular order, under the heading '**What is most important to you about your faith?**' were shared and discussed in the groups and then in the whole 'Council'.

Fellowship

Community

Hope

Love

Consideration (of others)

Action (accompanying Faith)

Life (eternal)

Security (everyone is special)

Redemption

Joy

Study

Honesty

Structure

Purpose

Guidance

Prayer

Inclusive

The second task set for the three groups was as follows: 'Many of our friends and neighbours in Wendover are rather like the friendly alien because they struggle to understand what is so important about the Catholic faith and why it matters so much to us. Please give everyone in the group an opportunity to offer one word, this time a word that describes the challenges we will face in making our Parish Mission fully effective. Each member of the group must use a different word to the other members and once a word has been used it must not be used again and other words must be chosen. When every member of the group has spoken their word please go round the group again with each member saying a little bit more about the word they choose. As the members of the group speak their one word please record each word below:' Once everyone has spoken please join in a general conversation about 'challenges to Faith'.

The following words, not in any particular order, 'that describe the challenges we will face in making our Parish Mission fully effective' were shared and discussed in the groups and then in the whole 'Council'.

Fear (long English memory of supposed dangers of Catholic Faith)

Misunderstanding

Irrelevance (to people's lives in today's world)

Time (lack of)

Rejection

Apathy (both of St Anne's parishioners and the local community)

Comfortable (we are all too comfortable)

Secularity

Inclusivity (lack of inclusivity leading to hypocrisy)

Ignorance (of what faith is about leading to aggression and rejection)

Jealousy

The conversations last Sunday lasted exactly one hour, as had been promised, so that we did not take up too much of everyone's family Sunday. Everyone who took part in the meeting was sent away with a small challenge for 'Homework'. The challenge is to reflect on the conversations and offer suggestions for developing the topics at the next meeting of the parish 'in Council'.

Save the Date!

The next opportunity for our parish to meet 'in Council' to consider 'Mission' will be after Mass on Sunday 13 October. Please make a note in your diary so that you can share in the conversations.

Date of Our Parish Mission

Have you made an advance note in your diary of the date of our parish mission? We will need every parishioner to commit if at all possible to taking part each day between Sunday 22 and Friday 27 June 2025. Please note the dates now!