

Midweek Services

Monday 11th December

3.30pm Youth café, year 7 upwards Tring Church
1.15pm Funeral Beryl Marshall Amersham Crem.

Tuesday 12th December

9.15am Holy Communion cw Tring Church
6.45pm Aldbury school concert Tring Church

Thursday 14th December

10am Holy Communion bcp Tring Church
11am Stepping Stones pre-school Tring Church

Friday 15th December

11am Goldfield School service Tring Church
1pm Funeral and burial of Paul James Long Marston Ch.

Services for next Sunday 17th December Third Sunday in Advent

8am Holy Communion bcp St Peter & St Paul Tring
Breakfast in Tring between services, all welcome.
10am Holy Communion cw St Peter & St Paul Tring
10am Holy Communion cw St Cross Wilstone
10am Worship for All All Saints Long Marston
10am Holy Communion cw. John the Baptist Aldbury
3.30pm Lessons and Carols St Mary's Puttenham
6pm Lessons and Carols John the Baptist Aldbury
6.30pm Lessons and Carols St Peter & St Paul Tring

Parish Hall Bookings - Please contact Janet Goodyer (01442) 824929 or email tringparishhall@hotmail.com if you wish to enquire about, or book, the Parish Hall.

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Prayer Ministry is available after the 10am service at St Peter & St Paul, Tring. If you would like to talk or pray with us, please find us in the Lady Chapel, we all wear blue praying hands badges.

Gift Aid It! Make your donation go further

Please use a gift aid envelope for your collection donation if you are a taxpayer and encourage those around you to do the same. We can reclaim tax on your donation, adding 25p to every £1 you give!

www.tringteamparish.org.uk

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St Peter and St Paul, Tring; St John the Baptist, Aldbury;
All Saints, Long Marston; St Cross, Wilstone; St Mary,
Puttenham



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Please note Jane and Didier are not full time. However, if you need to contact a member of the clergy urgently for anything it is alright to try any of us.

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Services for this Sunday 10th December Second Sunday in Advent

8am Holy Communion cw St Peter & St Paul Tring
8.15am Holy Communion bcp St Mary's Puttenham
10am Worship for All St Peter & St Paul Tring
10am Sunday Worship St Cross Wilstone
10am Holy Communion cw All Saints Long Marston
10am Holy Communion bcp John the Baptist Aldbury
11.30 Holy Communion bcp St Peter & St Paul Tring
6pm Beer and Hymns at Tring Brewery if you have booked.. List is now full, sorry.
No service at 6pm at Long Marston

Readings used in the Tring Team parish this week

2 Peter 3:8-15a page 226 (235) NT section of the bible
Mark 1:1-8 page 33 (33) NT section of the bible

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Post Communion Sentence

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

There is a fashion this year for upside down Christmas trees – yes, you read that correctly, upside down. It gives designers a new slant, and practically speaking, it shows off the decorations better and makes it less likely to be knocked over by small children or animals. Looking at the pictures of them, I just feel that they look wrong, or I need to turn the image round. Apparently though, there was a custom in the Middle Ages in some European countries to hang a fir tree upside down to represent the Trinity (the triangular shape presumably, with the points at the top to represent God and the Holy Spirit and the one on the ground to symbolise Jesus. Although I have just made that last bit up as it seems to make sense). Every year we are told what the fashions are in trees, and each year I think to myself that I prefer the one in St Peter and St Paul Tring covered with prayers. I suppose the main advantage to an upside down tree is that it makes you look at things differently, makes you wonder why we do things a certain way, and why we should not change things. And that is part of the message of Advent, brought home to us as we hear the Gospel reading about John the Baptist. He preached the message of forgiveness for repentance, and fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” It does not matter how we decorate our Christmas trees or our homes, so long as we hear those words and act on them.

Jane

A huge thank you to all who sponsored and donated to our Youth Café kids for the sleepout for DENS - £1750 raised before gift aid! Please pay any outstanding pledges. In Tring Church there is the Christmas Tree that Jane mentioned, for you to hang a star with your prayers and messages of love and hope. Big thanks to Phil Marks at Dunsley Farm for the tree.

Christmas Advertising

Posters are going up and the website has been updated with Christmas details, and has a Christmas theme. Do take a look if you have electronic access. The Church of England site, “A Church Near You” has been relaunched and has all our service details on it for the five churches in Tring Team Parish. As we get nearer to Christmas there will be special emailings and pewsheets with lots of information. Make sure you’re on our email list, send details to admin. Please share this information with your neighbours and friends and bring them along to celebrate with us. Next weekend we have most of the team Carol Services so we look forward to seeing you there!

**Christmas is Coming!
Free Money for our Parish!**

If you shop online, try visiting your favourite stores via **TheGivingMachine** & generate a **free cash donation** with every purchase you make, through stores inc Amazon, EBay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco, John Lewis & Sainsbury. You will need to log in and choose Tring Team Parish as your cause. Buy your special gifts & give a gift to the parish at the same time.
Thanks to the 26 givers already signed up!

TEAM NOTICES

Advent. To help us prepare for Christmas during Advent, we are following the Church of England’s campaign - *God With Us*. You can sign-up to emails and texts on their website for reflections or follow on social media. There maybe one or two booklets left in the churches for those without electronic access. Not too late to sign up, and the reflections carry through into the New year.

Charity Festive Concert in Tring Church, Monday 11th December at 7.30pm for Age Uk Dacorum. With Rock Chorus and Gospel Manna. Tickets £5 on the door.

Tring Choral Society Concert is in Tring Church on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm. The Christmas Oratorio by J S Bach will be performed, tickets £12 from Beechwoods or email tringchoralsociety@gmail.com

Carol services in the Team Sunday 17th December, Puttenham at 3.30pm, Aldbury at 6pm, Tring at 6.30pm. **Sunday 24th December,** Wilstone at 7pm. All feature local choirs, readings and carols followed by refreshments.

Christmas is Coming! and most Tring and Village Schools will be coming to one of our churches this term to celebrate Christmas, either with a concert or a service. This week we welcome to Tring Church, pupils from Aldbury School for their Christmas performance on Tuesday 12th December at 6.45pm, Stepping Stones pre-school will perform on Thursday 14th December at 11am and on Friday 15th it is the turn of Goldfield School for their Christmas service at 11am. Added to the pupil numbers, parents and supporters coming to watch and pupils coming to rehearse beforehand, by the time term finishes on the 22nd, the number through the doors will be several thousand and we still have Christmas weekend services to look forward to!

Mission Focus for November and December – DENS - Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter

As customary at this time of year, we are supporting the DENS charity, which is a very valuable resource for the Dacorum community and is particularly relevant at this time of year. For further information on DENS and its work, please contact Peter Williams (01442 824481; peter.williams@dens.org.uk).

Used Postage Stamps. DENS Stamp Appeal. DENS are collecting used stamps as a fundraiser and would be delighted to receive contributions from the Tring Team. Please could you cut around the stamps, leaving about 1/4 inch margin, and leave them in the collecting boxes which will be in St Peter & St Paul and St John the Baptist, Aldbury **Beer & Carols** at Tring Brewery (full up, sorry) **As an Advent gift,** DENS have a list of needs for Christmas and there is a drop-off box in Tring Church. Lists are in each church or see www.dens.org.uk

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