

November to December Mission focus

DENS - (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter)

www.dens.org.uk

DENS' aim is to be the first port of call for people in Dacorum who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion; to support and empower them to take the next positive step in their lives.

DENS provide a range of services, which together form a pathway to support individuals to take the next positive steps in their lives and become active members of the community.

Day Centres - Foodbank - Night Hostel - Outreach - Crash Pad - Move On - Resettlement - Social Enterprises - In the Community

Please support this local charity and add to the tremendous amount raised from the recent sleep-out

We will collect cash donations throughout the two months. Please give through our [website or bank accounts](http://www.dens.org.uk), or through service collections in our churches, or card reader in Tring ref. "DENS"

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(It is OK to contact any of the clergy if you have the need to)

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Welcome to the Tring Team

This leaflet has lots of useful info. To find out more, please ask, or see our website

Sunday 1st December Advent I

8am Holy Communion traditional language Tring
8am Holy Communion traditional language Aldbury
10am ** Communion with craft activity Tring
10am Christingle Service Aldbury
3pm Christingle Service Tring
6pm Celtic Evening Prayer Long Marston

(** streamed from Tring church)

This week's readings

Jeremiah 33.14-16 Psalm 25.1-9
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-36

Prayer of the week.

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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registered with the charity commission

St Peter & St Paul, Tring;
St John the Baptist, Aldbury;
All Saints, Long Marston;
St Cross, Wilstone;
St Mary's, Puttenham.



To make a payment to the parish online, please visit www.tringteamparish.org.uk/giving if you have internet. There is a card reader in Tring Church. Our bank details are; account number: 60679360, sort code: 55:70:10, account name: Tring PCC. Please gift aid if you pay tax. Thank you.

Our house groups which are meeting in Advent will be using a Bible Reading Fellowship Resource – Embracing Humanity. This explores what it meant for God to become flesh, and how this enables us to understand what it means to be human. Seeing humanity in a new light. God became flesh at Christmas. But how does God, who created all things, live within the limitations of humanity – limitations that humanity itself often resents and tries to transcend? And what does it truly mean to be human?

One aspect of being human is of course to die. Last Sunday we had a truly exceptional conversation around assisted dying. We owe a huge thanks to Sarah Stanley (a member of Tring 10 am congregation for those of you who haven't met her) who talked us through the process of dying in an incredibly informative way and helped us learn and think about how we will die. It was a wonderful coming together of learning from a medical professional and the lived experience of many in our congregations who have cared for dying family members. I think we all came away with a deepened respect for the NHS and a renewed zeal that we must have more profound conversations about death. I think many of us also came to the conclusion that we are not, as a country, ready for the assisted dying bill to pass. Depending upon when you read this pewsheet the bill may be being debated, or it may have concluded. Either way it seems vital that we offer our hopes and fears to God in prayer and for the wisdom to move forwards as a society.

DENS Thank you to all who sponsored the sleepout. The total amount raised from the parish was £6682.25 One of our PCC priorities is caring for those in need, in the local community and beyond. Your generosity demonstrates our commitment to this. Thank you!



Christingle Services in the parish. These will be on Advent Sunday, 1st December, 10am at Aldbury, 3pm at Tring. Raising money for The Children's Society. Help children and young people hold onto hope this Christmas by Christingling with us this festive season.

Join us in **A merry evening of Music and Readings** on Advent Sunday 1st December in St John the Baptist Church, Aldbury. The concert starts at 7.30pm and is followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Free with a retiring collection for DENS.

Coming up soon.....

Monday 2nd December

3.30pm Youth café for secondary age teens Tring

Tuesday 3rd December

9.15am Holy Communion Tring

10am Morning Worship Wilstone

2pm Craft and a Cuppa Tring

Wednesday 4th December

2.15 for 2.30pm Tring Mothers Union Tring

Thursday 5th December

10am Holy Communion (traditional language) Tring

11.30am Funeral of Maureen Livingstone Tring

Sunday 8th December

Advent 2

8am **Holy Communion traditional language Tring

10am Worship for All Tring

10am Holy Communion, with Sunday Club for children Aldbury

(** streamed from Tring church)

What else is happening

Welcomers needed. We need a large number of people to welcome at Tring Church at our extra services in church during December and over the Christmas period. This is mainly for various school and pre-school services. If you can help please contact Maria Lashley on 07654 420700.

Tring Mothers Union Group meet on Wednesday 4th December in Tring church, 2.15 for 2.30pm start. Please bring a suitable Advent or Christmas reading, poem or music. Seasonal refreshments will be served including mulled wine etc! All welcome.

Piano & More concert is on Sunday 8th December in Tring Church at 3pm. A concert for Advent Our popular Advent Concert returns to present music of many genres from local musicians of all ages, including the Tring Advent Players and a youth wind band from Tring Music Partnership. An hours' concert followed by refreshments. Retiring collection for expenses.

Tring Choral Society's concert is Handel's 'Messiah'. on Saturday 21 December at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Tring. Tickets are available from www.tringchoral.org.uk or from choir members. Do buy in advance as this event is likely to sell out.

Christmas Day Lunch at High Street Baptist Church. "A lunch for anyone and everyone, come and enjoy Christmas Day lunch with others." Arrive from 12.30, lunch at 1pm, Kings speech with tea and coffee at 3pm. Suggested donation of £5-10, limited capacity so please email admin@tringbaptistchurch.co.uk or call 01442 824054