

March and April - Mission focus Christian Aid

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

A global movement of people, churches and local organisations. The changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart.

There are plenty of opportunities to support Christian Aid over the next two months.

Thanks to all who supported the Lent Lunches. The total raised will be communicated later.

On Sunday 21st April it is MegaStick Sunday when we will have lots of sponsoring opportunities with a long 14 mile walk around the parish, a shorter walk from Wilstone to Tring and Richard Abel will be running the London Marathon. And then finish with a celebratory BBQ at Tring. Speak to Jane to take part.

We will collect cash donations throughout the two months. Please give through our [website or bank accounts](#), or through service collections in our churches, or card reader in Tring ref. "Christian Aid"

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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 21st April - Easter 4 (BCP 3rd Sunday after Easter) "Megastick Sunday"

- raising funds for Christian Aid

8am Holy Communion traditional language **Tring**

10am ** Communion with craft activity **Tring**

10am Holy Communion **Aldbury**

5pm Megastick BBQ for all (Please book) **Tring**

6pm Celtic Evening Prayer **Long Marston**

(* streamed from Tring church)

This week's readings

Acts 4.5-12 Psalm 23 | John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

Prayer of the week.

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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.

During the Easter Season, and later as we move into Pentecost, we hear a lot about the commissioning of the disciples and what it is to be Church. All too often we confuse "Church" with buildings and forget it means the people of God engaged in God's mission. And what is God's mission? Simply put, God is both creative and redemptive. I like the simplicity of that. Our mission is to rejoice in that which is good, and to change that which is bad. Of course Anglicans don't like simplicity and they expand the mission of the Church into something which is fivefold. The Anglican Communion tells us the 5 Marks of Mission are:

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

I like the irony that this Sunday might be a more Church Sunday than most for me, not because I am visiting all five buildings, but because I am actively being church by living the marks of mission and trying to respond to human need and trying to transform unjust structures of society. Supporting Christian Aid is as fundamental to being Church as is our worship (and also all the other marks of mission). Please hold the work of Christian Aid in your prayers this week (and also all those running the London Marathon or walking our parish)

PS If you are thinking of coming to the BBQ please sign up (but even if you haven't signed up I have never knowingly under-catered)



Mega Stick Sunday for Christian Aid. On Sunday 21st April we raise funds for Christian Aid with a long nearly 14 mile walk around the parish starting at Tring with Annette Reynolds and others, a shorter walk from Wilstone to Tring, and Richard Abel will be running the London Marathon. And then we all finish with a celebratory BBQ at Tring at 5pm, bookable on the website or speak to admin or clergy. Please take part and also sponsor Annette (worth double) or Richard. Contact Huw or Jane asap if you want to join in.

Coming up soon.....

Monday 22nd April

3pm Youth Café for secondary aged teens

Tuesday 23rd April

9.15am Holy Communion Tring

10am Holy Communion Wilstone

2pm Craft and a Cuppa Tring

Thursday 25th April

10am Holy Communion (traditional language) Tring

Sunday 28th April - Easter 5

(BCP 4th Sunday after Easter)

8am Holy Communion traditional language **Tring**

10am ** Communion with craft activity **Tring**

10am Holy Communion **Aldbury**

10am Holy Communion **Long Marston**

3.30pm Team Parish Evensong **Puttenham**

What else is happening

Parish Quiet Day at Puttenham Saturday 27th April,

9.30am - 4pm. "G'Day Mate! Encounters with the Risen Christ". Session 1 is titled 'Is it you?' as in the garden Mary encounters the Risen Christ. Session 2 is titled 'Do you see me now?', on the road to Emmaus when the disciples encounter the Risen Christ.

Session 3 is titled 'G'day, Mate!', when at a barbecue by the beach the disciples encounter the Risen Christ. There will be Holy Communion followed by a simple soup lunch. More details from Janet and to book.

May Day Wednesday 1st May. Ridgeway Choral will be "singing in" May at 8 am at Puttenham. Usual breakfast afterwards of Fruit Juice, Kedgerree, sausage/ bacon rolls, croissants, toast, marmalade/jam plus tea/ coffee. Donations to cover food costs welcome.

Join in and help the Friends on Family Fun Day.

The annual family fun day for the Friends Of Tring Church Heritage is on May 11th in Tring church and churchyard. We have lots of regular activists organising the stalls and activities, we always welcome new energy and if you'd like to be involved, please contact me. We would also welcome donations for the various stalls. With ideas, suggestions and for information please contact Grahame Senior 01442 822 770. **Also,** We need donations of children's toys and games please for our Children's Toy Stall and books for all age for our new stall. Please contact Hayley Abel at richard.hayley@btinternet.com or 07795 286082 to donate these items. Hayley can arrange local collection of donations if needed.'

Ridgeway Chorale Concert is on May 11th at 7.30pm in Tring Church. short choral pieces, sacred and secular, plus modern classics and folk songs. Free but donation for Tring Music Partnership and FOTCH. Refreshments will also be served.