

November and December Mission focus

DENS

Most people know DENS as the homeless charity for people in Dacorum. In fact, DENS do so much more than just provide a roof and a bed. Their 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. They also run the food bank in Dacorum for Trussell Trust.

Please support the sponsored "Sleep Out" on 24th November - please see details of sponsorship in the notices.

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. "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 19th November Second Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion traditional language Tring
10am Communion with children's activity Tring
10am Holy Communion Aldbury
6pm Celtic Evening Prayer Long Marston

This week's readings

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12*
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

Prayer of the week.

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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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.

This Sunday's Gospel is the parable of the talents, and as with many parables, it is a complex one. I can understand the meaning that we are here to use our skills for the benefit of all, but the power of the man who is referred to as harsh, and that fact that he has slaves sometimes obscure for me the central meaning. It is a reminder of the complicated nature of language: how meanings change in translation, how culture affects it, and that we have to keep interpreting the Bible because of this. One of the fascinating aspects for me is that the word talent originally meant a coin or a set weight, but it is this parable that made it mean ability or skill – once again, the Bible has had a huge impact on language. It is a reminder that to do nothing with our talents is disrespecting God; they are given to us for a purpose and the purpose is for the benefit of others. The slaves are not told to keep what money they have made, but that there is more they can do. So I suppose the question is really how are you using your skills? Are you using them for God and for the church? So many of us see the church as somewhere that should give to us, and support us, but we are the church and we have our role to play. Whether it is music or cleaning or welcoming or intercessions or leadership, we all have our part to play.



We are currently upgrading the computers on the sound-desk in Tring and apologise that there will be no live stream from the Tring Parish this week

Taking a closer look at John's Gospel.

Sunday 26th November at 11.30 in Tring Parish Hall, Huw will give an introductory talk followed by a soup lunch. Vegetarian and GF catered for. Just come along, no booking needed.

There will be a three week course looking at the Gospel, particularly an overview and the prologue ("In the beginning was the word ...") available to existing House groups or for new groups. There are sign-up sheets going into the churches this weekend.

So far there are groups arranged for early Monday afternoons finishing in time for school collecting, Tuesday morning at Wilstone, Wednesday afternoons on zoom probably going into January, and Thursday evenings. There may be more.

We plan to continue studying various parts of John's Gospel throughout the year, particularly during Lent when we will look at the final discourse and passion and resurrection narrative, and in the summer next year we will look at some of the middle chapters.

Coming up soon.....

Monday 20th November

3 - 5pm Youth Café Tring (for secondary age teens)

Tuesday 21st November

9.15am Holy Communion Tring

10am Morning Worship Wilstone

2pm Craft and a Cuppa Tring

Thursday 23rd November

10am Holy Communion (traditional language) Tring

Sunday 26th November

Christ the King

8am Holy Communion traditional language **Tring**

10am ** Communion with children's activity **Tring**

10am Morning Worship **Aldbury**

10am Holy Communion **Long Marston**

3.30pm Team Parish Evensong traditional language

Puttenham

(** streamed from Tring church)

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING

Sponsored Sleep Out for DENS Friday 24th

November 9pm -7am (Saturday) in Hemel Hempstead. There are six of our Youth café taking part as well as Huw, Rachel and Ian Munro, Janet Goodyer and Edmund Booth. If you can sponsor the group enbloc, please speak to any of the adults or Huw at huw@tringteamparish.org.uk, and for more information.

DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter) is our mission focus for November and December.

Tring Together Christmas Festival, Saturday

25th November, 3.30pm - 8.30pm in the centre of Tring. There will be lots happening from Father Christmas in the Memorial Gardens, through to the fair at the Library Car Park and so much more in between. The leaflets are being delivered or there are some in Tring Church and some local shops. Tring Church will be open for the festival and will be one of the stages for local community entertainment and refreshments. Please come and support this wonderful community event.

Christingle services in Tring Parish. Sunday 3rd

December 3pm at Tring, Sunday 10th December 10am at Aldbury. Raising funds for the Children's Society.

Christmas is coming! In Aldbury Church, Sunday December 3rd at 7pm. Words and Music for Advent including the Aldbury Morris Men, The Aldbury Quinter and much more. Mulled wine and mince pies, In aid of Dens