

Other reports

Tring Parish Health and Safety

There was a minor incident in Tring Church at a packed concert for Tring Together Christmas Festival. A guest fell down the small step from the baptistry. They were unhurt but we have decided to put an unmovable bench there to prevent this happening in future at large events. We have updated the risk assessment for large gatherings and circulated it to those who book the church for concerts.

GDPR

There have been two minor breaches for GDPR. A group email was sent out without being blind copied so other email addresses were visible. An email was sent to the wrong email address of a wedding couple.

Churches Together in Tring

Report to follow.

Tring School Chaplaincy Report

The Chaplaincy in Tring School has continued to flourish this year as we work with this Church of England school of approx 1500 students and 200+ staff to:

- support the school in embodying its Christian ethos
- support the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of students and staff
- offer opportunities to worship and explore faith
- encourage students to connect with their spirituality
- build on the relationship between school and church

Ways we have achieved that this year include -

- leading weekly Collective Worship weekly. We provide a weekly recorded Collective Worship which is shown during Monday morning Tutor time. Recently a student survey regarding our Collective Worship was completed, and we have been responding to some of the suggestions and comments.
- Welcoming the school to the end of term Christmas service in 2022 for the first time since the pandemic (actually 4 services across one morning to fit everyone in!) and it was very good to be back!
- Hosting and leading the school's carol service at St P&P
- Leading weekly morning prayer for staff.
- Delivering some of the Life Skills curriculum: sessions on Grief and Loss to all Year 7s and Year 9s, Family breakdown to all year 8s.
- Running two lunch clubs for students (one has been with the help of the Youthworker from Northchurch Baptist Church although they have just moved on to a new post). Due to changes in the school timetable, these now take place in the school dining room which is not ideal but is worthwhile for the few that still come. We are trying to find a better space.

- Working with the Leadership Team in assessing and exploring further ways in which the Christian ethos of the school is embedded in the whole of school life, and so assisting the school in delivering the requirements measured by SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).
- Being a Christian presence during the school week, and at events like the year 7 open evening.

We have provided support to staff and students following tragic deaths again this year.

Following the school rebuild, we now have our own small room in the school's new building, which is used for morning prayer and other meetings and conversations. It is a great addition!

Michelle and Jane

Eco Church update:

Following the commission from the January PCC some of the team have met twice and agreed to concentrate on getting all 5 churches in the Parish registered on the A Rocha Eco Church assessment site and submit surveys to them, some progress has already been made with this but more to be done. In support of this we want to connect with a representative in each of the churches to promote the Eco Church ethos.

Alongside this there are two events we are promoting:

- On the 3-11 June 2023 Count on Nature initiative.
- On the 10-18 June 2023 Great Big Green Week.

Both of which are being supported by the Diocese.

More information on these will be advertised soon.

We have also proposed 2 initiatives from Ecological organisations for our mission focus during July and August.

These are:

- BBC's Wild Britain - Be Kind to Nature
- A Rocha environmental initiative.

These will be finalised during our next meeting.

If there are any opportunities to improve our ecological impact as a church and individually we will be pleased to hear of them and will work with you and the churches to build on the progress made so far.

Mike Watkin.