

January and February

Mission focus

The Hospice of St Francis

Our Hospice is a gift the community gives to itself

Outstanding hospice care means listening to our hospice family. It means more choice about how care happens.

2,000 patients and their families are supported every year

40% increase in our referrals since 2021/22

£6,000,000 is needed annually to fund our care

80% of our funding relies on the kindness of our local community.

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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Welcome to the Tring Team

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

Sunday 12th January

Epiphany I

The Baptism of Christ

8am **Holy Communion traditional language **Tring**

10am Worship for All **Tring**

10am Holy Communion, with Sunday Club for children **Aldbury**

(** streamed from Tring church)

This week's readings

Isaiah 43.1-7 Psalm 29

Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22

Prayer of the week.

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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.

Last Sunday in my sermon for Epiphany I was reflecting that the traditionalists amongst us the Book of Common Prayer gives the Epiphany a subtitle which is “The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles” At the beginning of a new year it is good to ask how the Church of England is going to manifest, to show through signs and actions, the good news of Jesus. Whoever is going to be our new Archbishop of Canterbury (and York?) has an unenviable job. At the heart is an amazing parish system with wonderful faithful congregations serving their communities. But take a step back and you can see we are church which has become overcentralised, we have archaic church representation rules no longer fit for purpose, we have too many buildings and too few people. What reforms need to be put in place for the good of the church as a whole? And what would your wishes for the Church of England be in 2025?

My thoughts were further crystalised by reading more about Jimmy Carter. He was a practising Christian for all of his life, and was deacon and Bible teacher for many years. He also volunteered for Habitat for Humanity which reminded me of our parish links with Kyrgyzstan. Later in his life he came to the painful conclusion that he had to sever his ties with the Southern Baptist Convention. This was because of how people choose to interpret scripture especially over the role of women. He writes “the truth is that male religious leaders have had – and still have – an option to interpret holy teachings either to exalt or subjugate women. They have, for their own selfish ends, overwhelmingly chosen the latter.”

To me it is unconscionable that the Church of England continues to allow for discrimination. As a parish we have signed up to be an Inclusive Church. Part of that is to resist acts and systems of discrimination, no matter how unpopular that resistance might be. Hearing about Jimmy Carter makes me think that we need to stand up and be counted. I imagine it is unlikely that the “conservative” bloc in the Church will allow for a female Archbishop of Canterbury, but we should not just accept that. It is my prayer that in 2025 maybe the church which I love will take some further small steps to remove all discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender and that we will be more fit to manifest Christ to our communities. The outcome of the prayer might be that we need to act as well as pray.



Coming up soon.....

Tuesday 14th January

9.15am Holy Communion Tring
10am Holy Communion Wilstone
2pm Craft and a Cuppa Tring

Thursday 16th January

10am Holy Communion (traditional language) Tring

Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2

8am Holy Communion traditional language Tring
10am ** Communion with craft activity Tring
10am Holy Communion, with craft activity for children Aldbury
10am Holy Communion Long Marston
(* streamed from Tring church)

What else is happening

Piano and More concert in Tring Church Sunday 12th January at 3pm for an hour. Robert Salter *Violin* Penny Bradshaw *Cello* Kathron Sturrock *Piano* playing Haydn, Dvorak and Glière. Followed by refreshments. Retiring collection for expenses. All welcome.

Festive Choral Evensong for Candlemas Day Sunday, 2nd February 2025, 6.30 pm, Tring Church, Retiring collection/donations for the Church (new organ fund). Refreshments will be provided after the service. Bring your family and friends.

Got questions about life and the Christian Faith?

‘Start’ will help you discover more about God, Jesus, spirituality and the journey of life. 6 sessions with discussion and time for reflection, each lasting about an hour and free to attend. Starting in February 2025 Contact Michelle for details - michelle@tringteamparish.org.uk or 01442 851200

Quiet Day led by Venerable Jo Kelly- Moore (Dean of St Albans) at Puttenham Church and Hall, Saturday 8th February 9.30am – 4pm. “Preparing for the Journey” Two talks and discussion, Holy Communion and lunch. Please book on the website, news page, or speak to Janet if you don’t have internet. Lifts are available within the parish.

Book group revival

A ‘one-off’ meeting of the group is planned, taking place in Tring Church at 6:30pm on Sunday 16th February, to discuss Marilyn Robison's recently published and highly praised book "Reading Genesis". All welcome. Further details from Edmund Booth (edmund@booth-seismic.co.uk).