

TRING TEAM PARISH

We do our best to live and share God's love in this modern world through services, social events and service to the community around us.

We are a community celebrating and working out our faith through many different styles of prayer and worship.

We are made up of five Church of England churches: St Peter and St Paul, Tring; St John the Baptist, Aldbury; All Saints, Long Marston; St Cross, Wilstone; and St Mary's, Puttenham. We are welcoming, friendly, liberal and inclusive churches and open to all.

To find out more about us, why not visit one of our churches, telephone one of the Vicars or visit our website: www.tringteamparish.org.uk



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THANKSGIVING & WELCOME
**Steps on an
Amazing Journey**



**CHRISTENINGS IN THE
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SOME STAGES ON THE JOURNEY

We will invite you to join us at one of our main morning services before the christening so that we can pray for your child and give thanks for them. This is also an opportunity for the wider congregation to meet you and to pray for you. This is the thanksgiving. It can happen at any time before the christening.

After the service we will invite you back to a morning service to have your child welcomed into the wider Christian community. The congregation would like to celebrate with you and to welcome your child into the household of faith.

These are the words for these two services.



THANKSGIVING

Loving God, you hold all things in life and call us into your kingdom of peace; help us to walk the path of your truth and fill our lives with gratitude and faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Do you receive these children as a gift from God?
We do.

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?
We do.

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you for all eternity. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who has opened to us the way of love. We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

What name have you given this child?
His/her name is

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on

Heavenly Father, we praise you for his/her birth; surround him/her with your blessing that he/she may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all his/her days.

May they learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength and, in due time, come through faith and baptism to the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God the Father of all bless these parents and give them grace to love and care for their children. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for their children's needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are seen in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Receive this book, it is the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide.

God our creator, we thank you for the gift of these children, entrusted to our care. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and to forgive, so that through our love they may come to know your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
..... and, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation may greet the newly baptised.

The president introduces the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.