

The Board for Church and Society

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The Diocese
of St Albans

Dear Friend

July 2011

Sponsored Sleep-out

Thank you for requesting further information about the sponsored sleep-out at St Albans Abbey which will begin at 9pm on Friday 2nd December and end by 7am the next morning. There will be formal registration when you arrive followed by a general welcome and the worship an event at approximately 10pm. There will be time to socialise over refreshments before bedding down around the outside of the Abbey. Please complete the registration form and hand it in at the registration area to save you time. We would point out that there will be **NO car access** to the Abbey precincts and suggest the use of Westminster Lodge swimming pool car park at the bottom of Holywell Hill. A map of local car parks is included.

The aim of the sleep-out is to raise awareness of homelessness and to raise funds for seven local charities dedicated to helping homeless people: **Centre 33**, St Albans, **DENS**, Hemel Hempstead, **Leighton Linslade Homeless Service**, **LAMP**, Luton, **Open Door**, St Albans, **Stevenage Haven** and **Watford New Hope Trust**. I hope you will find the experience rewarding and be able to raise money through sponsorship for these worthwhile projects. Please contact the charity of your choice.

Please read the list on the sponsor form of what you, and any others who might come with you, will need to bring on the night. Free hot drinks, toilet facilities and first aid will be available during the night. Emergency shelter will be available in extreme weather conditions. Any last minute cancellation will be posted on the website: www.abbeysleepout.org.

Please note that children under the age of 12 years may attend the sleep-out only if accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Young people, minimum 12 years and under 18 years, are welcome as members of an organised group with the correct ratio of one adult group leader, over 21 years, to eight young people maximum. Each with must bring a completed sleep-out registration form giving parental and medical consent. Group leaders should also complete the enclosed form listing the young people in their group for whom they are responsible. I will be pleased to answer any questions on 01582 761723.

You will see from the sponsor form that we ask you to make your cheque payable to only **ONE** charity. If you prefer to pay online, contact the charity. But please ensure all payments are sent direct to your chosen charity as soon as possible and no later than 31st January 2012.

Best wishes.

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