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"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Tonight, some of the St. Bridget's staff are taking on the Sleepout Challenge to raise money for the Church Urban Fund. This afternoon I have shared some of the pictures from the previous years of the Sleepout Challenge with the children in assembly. Previously, we have endured snow, rain, high winds and sub-zero temperatures. Last year my scarf froze! The Church Urban Fund does some amazing work to help people get back on their feet. I can't imagine being homeless myself. One night is enough!

Thank you for your support this term. We have sent toys to the Charles Thompson Mission and raised money for Claire House. This is our final act of charitable support this term when some of the staff challenge themselves to support the work of the Church Urban Fund. Please use the link below if you can support us.

[Link for the St. Bridget's Sleepout Challenge](#)

A message from the Church Urban fund - Why the Sleep Out Challenge?

Over 270,000 people are experiencing homelessness right now. Amid the cost of living crisis, it is expected that 66,000 more people will be experiencing homelessness by 2024. And countless others will struggle with hidden homelessness. They will sleep on strangers' sofas, in empty squats, or move between temporary, often unsafe, accommodation.

Taking on the Sleep Out challenge won't be comfortable and it won't be easy. But your efforts will be worth it. Together, we can raise awareness around this critical issue, fundraise much-needed funds, and help people in need.

How does my fundraising make a difference?

One way that the Church Urban Fund is responding to local needs is by facilitating one-to-one, relational support. In the past five years, over 900 people have accessed this personal support network, as well as a unique range of courses focused on personal development, skills acquisition and wellbeing. In addition, generous people like you have supported hundreds of projects which tackle inter-connected issues such as debt, mental illness and offer refugee or asylum seeker support.

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