

The Wider world Group

Our Role . . .

- To encourage support for world mission.
- To increase parishioners' understanding, interest and concern in the charities we support.
- To have a 'link person' for each charity.
- To advise the PCC on its charitable support.
- To organise occasional fund-raising, for instance retiring collections.
- To do-ordinate our Christian Aid collection for Churches Together in Weybridge.



Charities we support and their aims . . .

Children's Society

The Children's Society is a vital life-line for children in desperate need. It runs three refuges for children (out of only four in the whole country).

Church Army

The Church Army trains and sends evangelists to work in five areas of focus: churches, children & young people, new congregations, homeless people and older people.

Church Mission Society

CMS is dedicated to "go forth to every part of the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation".

Church of England Pensions Board

The work of the pensions Board includes a commitment to offer residential and nursing home care to all clergy pensioners, including clergy widows, who seek it.

Clergy Orphan Corporation

The Clergy Orphan Corporation is dedicated to maintaining and educating the fatherless children of the clergy.

Deep Griha, Puna

Deep Griha, meaning "lighthouse" is a family centre in Puna, India. It was founded to address the needs of the poor and neglected inhabitants of the urban slums.

Friends of Guildford Cathedral

The organisation is very much like St James' own Friends. It organises a full programme of events, including holidays overseas to places of biblical interest

Friends of Mengo Hospital

Mengo Hospital, founded in 1897, provides health and hospital services, and spreads the Christian message. Our Junior Church collects money for Mengo Hospital.

Friends of Weybridge Hospital

The Friends campaign and raise funds on behalf of Weybridge Hospital.

Global Care

Global Care is an international Christian charity working for needy children through relief, development, education and child-care programmes.

Manna Centre

A Christian organisation which serves some of the needs of the homeless and unemployed people of London. It needs a constant supply of food, cleaning materials and clothes.

Missions to Seafarers

Formed in 1835 as Missions to Seamen, it cares for the spiritual needs of seafarers, and has staff and chaplains in ports around the world.

Princess Alice Hospice

The Princess Alice Hospice was opened in 1985. It aims to relieve the suffering of people with terminal diseases, usually cancer. It is situated in Esher, Surrey.

Rainbow Trust

The Trust cares for terminally ill children and their families on a 24 hour basis in their own homes. Two residential centres, one in Great Bookham, Surrey, offer holidays for families.

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Worldwide (SPCK)

"Feed the Minds" provides funding for projects that promote literacy and Christianity in the developing world and Eastern Europe.

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy

In 1892 St Luke's Hospital was founded to provide prompt, free medical treatment to Church of England clergy, their families and dependent children.



Surrey Clergy Relief Society Trust

The Trust offers financial help to clergy and their families who live or have lived in Surrey. Grants are made for education or other needy purposes. Christmas gifts are sent to clergy widows.

Thames Homelessness Project

This is a local project designed to help the homeless and to help them re-integrate themselves into society.

United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG)

USPG began life in 1701. As well as proclaiming the Good News the Society is active in education, healthcare, the struggle against injustice and the need to safeguard the integrity of creation. In particular we designate funds towards Losotho Hospital.



Ways to develop your world mission awareness. Will you

- Make a commitment to think about and pray for the charities which St James' actively supports?
- Find out more about at least one of the charities.
- Reflect on your charitable giving.
- Consider serving on the Wider World Group, joining in our activities and attending the bimonthly meetings.
- Offer occasional support. For example helping to drive our collection to the Manna Centre.
- Act as a link person to a charity?
- Be a collector for Christian Aid Week

The Guiding Principles

In making decisions about supporting charities, we look for:

- Christian mission;
- service to the poor, the needy and the suffering;
- projects that are developmental;
- a balance of international, national, and local charities, so far as possible;
- charities that are overtly Christian (but since healing and helping the poor are Christian activities, other charities are not necessarily excluded).

Each charity will be subject to detailed scrutiny every three years, to see whether it should retain our support.

Further reading and information

For further information about any of the charities we support, contact a member of the group (a contact is given at the back of the Parish News).



Each year approximately £8,000 is distributed amongst these charities.

An introduction to . . .



our world mission

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