

How to support Outreach this autumn

We are holding a fundraising appeal instead of a parish raffle. **Cheques and cash donations** can be left at the presbytery marked "Outreach FAO Liz Mason". Cheques can be posted to Paul Embley (Outreach Treasurer) c/o 29 Chantrey Road, Sheffield S8 8QU. Please make cheques payable to Outreach OLST Diocese of Hallam. If you prefer to donate by **bank transfer**, these are the details: Reference: "Outreach OLST", Sort Code: 54-41-47, Account No: 24273988.

We've reintroduced the **Give to Live** small change collection on the first weekend of the month. The next one is **6/7th November**.

Covid permitting, there will be a pre-Christmas crafts sale (possibly cakes, books and bric-a-brac too) **on Sunday 21st November**. Keep an eye on November's newsletters for details.

On behalf of our Outreach partners, a **huge THANK YOU** for your continued generosity.

How your support makes a difference

"I didn't have any money to buy furniture and didn't have any means of getting any money. What St Vincent's have done for my family is life changing for us all." *Julie, Furniture Store Client*

"I felt rejected, alone and in despair until I found ASSIST. Now I have a roof over my head, support and hope for the future." *Chish, ASSIST Client*

"We are so grateful for your ongoing support, as your donations really help us to maintain our service here in Sheffield." *Samaritans (Sheffield Branch)*

"We finally have our minibus to which your church kindly donated about two years ago!.....we do eventually get there in the end!" *Mind the Gap - Africa, Summer 2021*

Supporting our Parish Outreach partners this autumn

Our parish Outreach initiative – established in 1974 - supports projects helping people in need, in Sheffield and around the world, through the work of our Outreach partner organisations.

Our Outreach partners are largely organisations with which members of the parish have - or have had - some connection either personally or through family or friends. Our partners help raise our awareness, pray for us and give us the opportunity to put our faith into action. Details of our current Outreach partners are in the centre pages of this leaflet.

In the nearly five years since the start of 2017, the parish has raised and distributed **£30,360** to support the work of our Outreach partners. (Not to mention gifts donated in kind in our themed collections in Lent and Advent and the once-a-month food collections for St Wilfrid's Centre and Grace Food Bank.)

The necessary restrictions on public gatherings during the Covid pandemic have limited the opportunities for fundraising since spring 2019. But the Outreach group has been meeting regularly by Zoom, and donations have continued to come in and be distributed to our partners during the past 18 months.

The restrictions have been steadily reduced in recent months, but with the future trajectory of Covid still uncertain as winter approaches, the Outreach group decided against holding a parish raffle, our traditional autumn fundraising event. Instead we are launching a pre-Christmas appeal, running from mid-October (now) to late November. Details are on the back page of this leaflet and will also be in the weekly newsletter.

Our Current Parish Outreach Partners

Mind the Gap - Africa Seeks to care for orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe, by establishing and running small family homes, and employing local people to provide them with loving care, with particular attention to medical, nutritional, educational and developmental needs. Parish contact: Claire Parsons

'Reaching the Unreached' - a project in Southern India, which rescues orphaned and Aids affected children, builds basic houses and drills wells for clean water. Parish contact: Frank Donnelly
www.rtu.org.uk

Kwakakulu Project - helps community development in Kwakakulu, a rural area in Kenya. It financially supports two primary schools and a technical institute for older children. Funding is also provided for infrastructure projects including agriculture, water supply etc. Parish contacts: Paul Embley & Angela Wood www.springhill.ie

The Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust aims to provide a care centre for the poor and elderly and a hospice for the dying in and around Bethlehem, where lack of resources and absence of healthcare, social services and pensions leaves the elderly, particularly vulnerable. Parish contact: Joe McNally www.bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org

ASSIST Sheffield – helps destitute asylum seekers by providing accommodation, advice and other support to those in most need or distress. ASSIST is still very dependent on local donations. Parish contact: Tony Willcock www.assistsheffield.co.uk

Transport 17 - based at Totley. It provides community transport (3 Minibuses) for the elderly / infirm for outings, theatre visits, lunch clubs, etc. Parish contact: Frank Donnelly

St. Wilfrid's Centre - is a community where homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded adults can find understanding, practical assistance, a sense of belonging and the support to regain self-esteem life. Parish contact: Helen Lowry www.stwilfridscentre.org

The Terminus Initiative - a registered charity involving local Christian churches working in partnership with Sheffield Council and other agencies on the Lowedges, Batemoor & Jordanthorpe estates. Parish contact: Charles Perryman www.terminusinitiative.org

SVP Furniture Store - The Store accepts donations of household furniture to give free of charge to the vulnerable and people coming out of homelessness in Sheffield. Parish contact: Tony Willcock
www.svpfurniturestoresheffield.org.uk

Ben's Centre - aims to relieve the poverty, sickness and distress of people with alcohol related problems by providing a day centre giving advice, food, hygiene facilities, clothes, laundry, hot drinks, free phone calls etc. Parish contact: Hilary Donnelly www.benscentre.org

Sheffield Samaritans - offers a listening ear and helpful advice to anyone who is struggling to cope. Sheffield Samaritans relies on local fundraising to keep its vital service going. Parish contact: Pam McDonald www.samaritans.org/branches/sheffield-samaritans

Grace Food Bank - provide parcels of food to families and individuals in short term financial crisis in Lowedges, Norton, Batemoor, Jordanthorpe and the surrounding areas.. Parish contact: Raymond Kinsella www.gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk

Caritas Diocese of Hallam (Hallam Caring Services) – an affiliation of projects and organisations serving the social needs of the church and community in South Yorkshire/North Derbyshire. Parish contact: Tony Willcock www.hallam-diocese.com/hallam-caring-services

The Besom – a church project based in Woodseats, the Besom accepts that which someone wants to give, whether it is time, money or things, and finds someone who genuinely needs it. Parish contact: Maria Mahon www.besom.com/local-besoms/Sheffield

(NEW) Fr. Solomon Martin, Chogoria Kenya – a church-led project in Chogoria, Kenya to provide a medical clinic and old people's home. Parish contact: Joe McNally