

Supporting Outreach throughout the year

As well as supporting the Raffle and Coffee, Cakes and Crafts (and Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings in May), you can contribute to Outreach fundraising throughout the year:

- Through the **Give to Live** small change collections the first weekend of the month; (the next one is 2/3 November 2024)
- By joining the **Give to Live 100 Club**. The application form is on the Outreach pages of the OLST website, or contact Barbara Richardson for more details: b_rich54@hotmail.com
- **Through individual donations.**
If you would like to make an individual donation to Outreach you can do so as follows:
 - ✓ By bank transfer (BACS) using the following details:
Account Name : Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish
OLST Outreach Sort Code:40-41-07 **A/C No:**73670198
 - ✓ Cheques payable to **OLST OUTREACH DIOCESE OF HALLAM** or cash can be left at the presbytery addressed to Outreach FAO Liz Mason or posted to Paul Embley (Outreach Treasurer) c/o 29 Chantrey Road, Sheffield, S8 8QU
- **Join in the Outreach group meetings.** See the newsletter for dates. **New members very welcome.**

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

How your support makes a difference

"Working in the skills workshop has given me my confidence back. I'd forgotten how many skills I had." **JL, St Wilfrid's Client**

"From a little dream of John and Cypriana Matheka in the year 2000, Springhill Kwakakulu Polytechnic is now a beacon for youth & technical skills for employment in Kenya. Thank you all for making this dream come true." **John Mahon, Kwakakulu**

"Thank you for all the good things. May God grant you long life. Amen." **John Matheka, Kwakakulu**

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.

Since the start of 2020, the parish has distributed over **£35,600** - which last year included a generous legacy from a deceased parishioner - 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 various ways in which you can support the year-round Outreach fundraising programme are listed on the back of this leaflet. And, with autumn now well upon us, we are launching our traditional fundraising raffle, which will be drawn at the pre-Christmas 'Coffee, Cakes and Crafts' event in the Parish Rooms between and after Masses on Sunday 24th November.

In asking for your support for these events we recognise the pressures of the exceptional cost-of-living crisis for so many of us in Sheffield this autumn. When considering how you are able to support our appeal, please pray for our partners and remember that the organisations that we help are often supporting people in the most serious poverty.

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 <https://mindthegapafrika.org/>

'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 - held the first Skills Exhibition in Kenya, showing the success of the Vocational Training Centre which we have supported for many years. It is now on a firmer footing and supported by the local community. They send thanks for the help given to achieve this - see Page 4. Parish contact: Angela Wood

The Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust provides hospice care for elderly and terminally ill people 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.org.uk

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: Liz Williamson www.stwilfridscentre.org

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

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

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/

Caritas Diocese of Hallam – projects serving the social needs of the church and community in South Yorkshire/North Derbyshire. Parish contact: Tony Willcock www.hallam-diocese.com/caritas/

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

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.thebesominsheffield.co.uk

Ascend - a local employment programme, run by the Christian charity, Together for Sheffield, which helps young adults find work, and connects them with Christian communities. Parish contact: Tony Willcock . www.togetherforsheffield.co.uk/ascend

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