

Christ Church - Supporting Christian Charities in 2020

In 2020, Christ Church gave 14% of its general income towards mission and charitable giving. It falls upon the members of the Mission Impact Group (MIG) to prayerfully consider and recommend how that money is spent. MIG are allowed to give about 1/7 of this money to Christian charities, if it wishes.

Last year, MIG decided to give nine charities £500 each. This article seeks to inform you a little about each of those charities. Some will be well known others less so, but Christ Church will have had connections often with members of our congregation, past and present, being actively involved.



friendsforlifebedford.org.uk

FFL work to reduce the social isolation of people living in Bedford care homes. It recruits volunteers to act as personal befrienders. *"I am writing to express FFL's heartfelt thanks to Christ Church Bedford for their generous donation..."*

Bedford Street Angels provide teams of volunteer Christians to be available to everyone using the night clubs and other entertainment in Bedford Town Centre on weekend nights and to help keep people safe. This is done as an expression of Christian faith, partnering with God in prayer and action.

bedfordstreetangels.org.uk



King's Arms Nightshelter Project

The Nightshelter serves people in Bedford who would otherwise have nowhere else to sleep for the night. In normal times up to 18 rough sleepers can be accommodated per night. The Shelter is a place where lives are changed, hope restored and the journey out of homelessness begins.

www.kingsarmsproject.org



The Barnabasfund helps persecuted Christians around the world through a wide range of support projects e.g. it helps feed Christians who are trapped in poverty due to discrimination; provide Christian resources to persecuted Christians; provide schooling for children of persecuted Christians and support evangelists in countries where Christians are oppressed, by contributing to their living costs.

Barnabasfund.org



The Ras Marbat Eye Clinic is based in Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the world and ravaged by poverty and war. It is the center of the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Health provision in the country is extremely poor. Despite these dreadful conditions, the clinic continues to operate and treat people from all over Yemen. Christ Church Bedford has had connections with the clinic for many years with some members of the congregation with medical skills having visited to support.

JUST LOVE.

"The charities vision is to inspire and release every Christian student to pursue the biblical call to social justice. They believe justice is a lifetime calling seeking to equip students to pursue justice beyond University ..."

Justloveuk.com



Friends of the Anglican Province of Alexandria

supporting churches in Egypt, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and Gambella

The Deaf School in Cairo is run by the Diocese of Egypt and provides all-encompassing bilingual education to about 60 students. It teaches them Egyptian sign language, Arabic & English reading. Students come from both Christian and Muslim families. www.fapa-egypt.org

".....thanks to the PCC and congregation for the generous donation to support the Deaf school run by the Anglican Diocese in Egypt".



Christ Church has been closely associated with the Bedford Foodbank for many years, and a number of Christ Church members serve on a weekly basis providing donated food for those in need from our Church Halls. The Bedford Food bank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by the Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Samuti Churches - Malawi



Christ Church has supported the Samuti Churches in Malawi in helping fund the establishment and maintenance of fish farming and bee-keeping projects. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and the projects seek to give people a sustainable income and nutrition source.