

Annual Charitable Donations

CHARITY GIVING BASED ON CHURCH INCOME.

The Financial Year for the church runs from January to December. A Financial report for the year is made to the diocese around the end of January.

Ever since the year 2000 (when the Parish made a Covenant to the Poor), after the financial report for the previous year has been given to the diocese, the church has tried to give a sum equal to 10% of the previous years' income to two chosen charities, i.e. 5% to each charity. This is independent of the normal second collections and special appeals held during the year.

Each year the two charities are chosen so that one is a "home" charity and one is an "overseas" charity.

SELECTED CHARITIES for DONATIONS in 2017.

AWAY CHARITY. SALESIANS IN SYRIA.

Despite what the United Nations deems "a serious deterioration in the humanitarian situation," in Syria, Salesian missionaries in Aleppo have deepened their commitment to its people.

For five agonizing years, an escalating civil war has destroyed the city of Aleppo. A constant barrage of heavy artillery, rocket fire, bombs and home-made explosives have destroyed almost every home, business and public space. Bridges have crumbled, roads are impassable, and water and electricity are scarce. The only people who remain are those with no resources to escape. These innocent civilians have increasingly become targeted by the rebel fighters. (salesianmissions.org)

HOME CHARITY. GLOUCESTERSHIRE LISTENING POST.

Listening Post offers counselling to adults in Gloucestershire suffering from emotional distress. There are many reasons why people seek counselling. Sometimes a relationship has broken down or you have been bereaved. Sometimes the stress of hard working lives has become unmanageable. Sometimes wounds from much earlier in your life resurface and haunt you. Sometimes you just feel you have lost your way and no longer know what to do. (listeningpost.org.uk)

(Each charity received a donation of £2,151.)

SELECTED CHARITIES for DONATIONS in 2016.

AWAY CHARITY. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION.

They have a global team that includes hundreds of lawyers, investigators, social workers, community activists and other professionals at work through 17 field offices. (www.ijm.org).

HOME CHARITY. GARAS – Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

GARAS offers support to those seeking asylum in Gloucestershire, welcoming them when they arrive, advocating for them in their daily struggles, supporting them if they face being sent back as well as helping them adjust to their long term future if they are recognised as refugees. (www.garas.org.uk).

(Each charity received a donation of £2,151.)

SELECTED CHARITIES for DONATIONS in 2015.

AWAY CHARITY. MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES.

Médecins Sans Frontières, (Doctors Without Borders), provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict. They do so irrespective of gender, race, religion, creed or political convictions. (www.msf.org.uk).

HOME CHARITY. TEENS IN CRISIS.

Provides Professional Counselling services for young people aged 9 – 21 and their families across the county of Gloucestershire. (www.ticplus.org.uk).

(Each charity received a donation of £2,015, (a figure purely coincidental))

SELECTED CHARITIES for DONATIONS in 2014.

AWAY CHARITY. FREEDOM FROM TORTURE.

This organisation supports asylum seekers who have experienced various forms of torture before arriving in this country. An Iranian man who stayed as a holiday guest with a parishioner is a typical example of the sort of people they help. He has permanent physical injuries as a result of mis-treatment by the authorities in his home country and is still suffering severe trauma after two years in Britain. Freedom from Torture will provide counselling and medical support for him until his condition improves. In many cases this will continue for several years until clients feel able to lead a more normal life.

HOME CHARITY. FOREST PULSE.

Forest Pulse is a local independent charity based in the Forest of Dean that offers friendly support and a compassionate voice to families who have children with disabilities. Forest Pulse is committed to increasing opportunities for young people with disabilities in the community and supporting families to realise their child's potential.

(Each charity received a donation of £1,745.)

SELECTED CHARITIES for DONATIONS in 2013.

HOME CHARITY. EMMAUS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Emmaus Communities offer homeless people a home, work and the chance to rebuild their lives in a supportive environment.

The Emmaus website is www.emmaus.org.uk/gloucestershire

OVERSEAS CHARITY. CAFOD

This charity is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

The Association website is www.cafod.org.uk

(Each charity received a donation of £1,864.)

Additional Donation to CAFOD

Due to the crisis in Syria an additional donation – unused since 2011 – was made to CAFOD for this purpose.

This donation was £2,146.

The charities that have received donations in previous years are as follows:

2012 Donations based on income for 2011.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals provide one daily meal in a place of education in order to attract chronically poor children into a classroom where they gain an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

Gloucester and District Samaritans

This charity is available to anyone who is in any kind of distress.

(£1,955 each)

2011 Donations based on income for 2010.

SDB Trustees for the Appeal for Haiti.

This was to help following the earthquake, cholera epidemic and hurricane that all occurred in 2010.

Home Charity

This donation was on hold but was used in 2013 – see above.

(£2146)

2010 Donations based on income for 2009.

The Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture (MF).

This is a charity based in this country, but the people it helps come from overseas.

Gloucestershire Nightstop

This charity provides young people aged 16 – 25 with emergency accommodation in the homes of approved volunteers.

(£1698 each)

2009 Donations based on income for 2008.

The Tom Roberts Adventure Centre (TRAC)

This centre is run for local youth but led with a Christian ethos; it is located almost opposite the Travellers Rest on the Gloucester side of Newent.

Father Palatty

(Father Palatty is a poor Indian priest living in an area of India that has the fourth highest area of slums. He is one of the poor and he helps the poor – helping street children, lepers, victims of drugs....).

(£1553 each)

It was also decided to donate to Father Palatty the money that was raised by the provision of Lent Lunches, the Harvest Auction and the following Soup Lunch in 2008. This amounted to about an extra £500.

2008 Donations based on income for 2007.

The Great Oaks Dean Forest Hospice.

(This Hospice provides a range of palliative and supportive care services for those with severe diseases such as cancer, and progressive conditions such as motor neurone disease).

Sister Josephine's Charity

Sister Josephine will be familiar to many parishioners as she has visited the parish a number of times. Her charity raises money to buy homes for homeless people in Bosnia.

(£1455 each)

2007 Donations based on income for 2006.

Help for Asylum Seekers in this country.

Bishop's Peru Appeal.

(£1500 each)

2006 Donations based on income for 2005.

Help for Asylum Seekers in this country.

Dispensary in Cameroon.

(£1465 each)

2005 Donations based on income for 2004.

Clifton Catholic Childrens Society.

SDB trustees for schools in Africa.

(£1480 each)

2004 Donations based on income for 2003.

This year was missed due to financial constraints.

2003 Donations based on income for 2002.

Gloucester Emergency Accomodation Resource.

Aid to the Church in Need

(£ 1650 each)