

## **How does St. Mary's Church, Horsell give financially to others?**

As part of our response to God's love for us in Christ and as our expression of the love of Christ for his world and our consequent concern for others:

- we have a long history of giving corporately as a Church each year on a planned and regular basis out of our income. This corporate outward giving is proportionate to our income and represents at least 10% of our general, undesignated and unrestricted income each year.
- we also facilitate spontaneous giving by individuals through various special collections held when we come to worship together and through the donations made at many events and activities held within our Church building and in our community
- we also allow our Church building to be used by other groups within the community to raise funds for a wide variety of charitable causes

We very much believe that it is a joy to give from what God has so generously given to us, both individually and as a Church, and that this giving is a key expression of our Christian faith and discipleship as we seek to follow Christ. We are conscious that as we give so the Lord blesses us richly.

# The principles that underlie St. Mary's 'Outward Giving'

Our outward giving as a Church is:

- proportionate to our general, undesignated, unrestricted income – at least 10%
- regular – we give each year
- planned - by the Outward Giving Team

Our outward giving seeks to create meaningful relationships:

- focussing on key mission partners
- facilitating an understanding by our congregation of what they do and the people they help
- through regular prayer for those we support
- with a designated 'champion' within the church who acts as the main point of contact
- ensuring continuity of support across several years where this is important

Our outward giving spreads our support:

- globally
- nationally
- locally

Our outward giving is primarily channelled through Christian charities and is designed to:

- express Christ's love for the poorest and most vulnerable people in our world in need of his especial care
- spread the good news about Jesus across our world
- care for the earth and demonstrate the Christian hope for God's world

Our outward giving includes a small contingency fund to enable us to respond to specific emergency needs that arise during the year

## St. Mary's corporate outward giving in 2022

### Locally

Engage Woking	£1,162
York Road Project	£1,500
Horsell Church of England Junior School	£3,000

### Nationally

The Children's Society	£1,000
The Bible Reading Fellowship	£2,000

### Globally

Bible Society	£1,250
Christian Aid	£1,250
Five Talents (to a project in Kenya)	£1,000