

NewsLink



April 2024

"Yours Lord is the greatness the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. Everything comes from you and of your own do we give you."
Offertory Prayer, from 1 Chronicles 29:12-14

I have had several conversations recently about what happens to our Outreach funds so this issue of NewsLink is dedicated to sharing information about some of the charities we support as well as passing on some of the responses we have had. I have limited this to financial giving, but I am very much aware that many give time and energy elsewhere, from litter picking to knitting soft toys for refugee children, collecting donations and recycling. All of this is most appreciated.

Over the year, we collect funds from our tea and coffee donations and other charity events which go to support St Peter's outreach. The PCC take a view each year about which charities to support and we are always interested to hear from members of the congregation about causes which are close to your hearts.

We also have specific appeals such as Christian Aid or events to support a particular charity. Large events like Ale and Arty and smaller ones like Carols and Tea. We try to cover a range of Charities, large and small, local and further afield.

It's always lovely to hear how our gifts are received. The comments below speak for themselves and remind us how much they are appreciated.



"I hope this finds you well. I'm getting in touch to say a huge thank you for St Peter's donation of £750 earlier this week. It was a wonderful surprise to see it in our account! Thank you for your continued support.....Below are a couple of updates from our services over the last few weeks:

We've started trialling 'Tasty Tuesday' in our health hub: in addition to their usual take-away food parcel, women who have come in to see our healthcare professionals can have a hot meal.

Our outreach van continues to go out onto the streets; in late December we met Gina who told our volunteers how much she appreciated them giving up their time: "It's really good what you do - coming out. You take time out of your life. I really appreciate it."

"Your support will enable us to continue providing our outreach, healthcare and casework services, reaching women who need us and helping them find a path towards a brighter future. We are looking into 2024 with hope and determination - and we are so grateful that you continue to stand alongside us. Please pass on our grateful thanks to everyone at St Peter's."

Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological college

"Thank you. I suddenly found more in the bank than I expected at a time when the college desperately needed money as we had to send our first years away to Arua and pay for their transport, accommodation and food. So that really helped us at the right time.

As you see the chapel, which was a gift from the Korean Presbyterian church, has been dedicated which is wonderfully exciting (Though the building has a huge echo which we need to manage with curtains and mats). And now you write with offer of further funds. Thank you so very much.Other projects which have been on going, though not quite as glamorous as the chapel, have been to put doors on the latrines and bathing rooms, to put fire proof ceilings in the men's dormitories and to build a store on the side of the kitchen. All of these projects have exceeded the budget, (as building work always does) but they have made a marked improvement to living conditions in the college.



The ten pigs are now installed and at home. They are growing nicely and give us all hope for the future. It is a bit investment up front, but the rewards, if the pigs remain healthy and are not stolen, should be worth that investment.....Please greet the congregation and pass on our great appreciation for their generosity and kindness in supporting the college."

Below is a list of other Outreach projects supported by St Peter's. A breakdown of the financial contributions will be available at the AGM in May.

Janani Luwum College, Uganda
North Uganda
St Phillips Gulu
Sisters of the church
Embrace ME
b.Friend (local)
One25 (local)
Christian Aid
Big Brew

Embrace ME
Craft fayre - Bristol NW Foodbank
Youth project A&A
One 25 A&A
Bridges for communities A&A
Carols and Tea for Embrace
Aid box community
Kitgum Health centre

Month Ahead April 2024

Thurs 4 th	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Sat 6 th	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
Sun 7 th	8.00am	Communion
Easter 2	10.00am	Communion followed by refreshments
	7.30pm	Contemplative Service- Zoom
Thurs 11 th	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Friday 12 th	7.00pm	Fellowship Group- Hall Meeting Room
Sat 13 th	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
Sun 14 th	8.00am	Communion
Easter 3	10.00am	All Age service followed by refreshments
	7.30pm	Contemplative Service- Zoom
Mon 15 th	7.30pm	SPH Youth Group meet in church
Wed 17 th	2.00pm	Ladies Guild Spring Lunch – Tickets in Advance
Thurs 18 th	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Sat 20 th	8.30am	Cabot Choir Rehearsal
Sun 21 st	8.00am	Communion
Easter 4	10.00am	Communion followed by refreshments
	7.30pm	Contemplative service- Zoom
Mon 22 nd	2.00pm	Senior Film Club in Hall
	7.30pm	SPH Youth Group meet in church
Tues 23 rd	12.15pm	Lorraine Thompson Funeral Refreshments in church
Thurs 25 th	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Fri 26 th	7.00pm	Fellowship Group- Hall Meeting Room
Sat 27 th	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
Sun 28 th	8.00am	Communion
Easter 5	10.00am	Communion followed by refreshments
	7.30pm	Contemplative Service- Zoom
Mon 29 th	7.30pm	SPH Youth Group meet in church
Thurs 2 nd May	All Day	Polling Station in Church

Further information is available www.stpetershenleaze.org or from the Parish Office Tues, Wed & Fri 9.00am-12.00pm tel 0117 962 4524