

Mission Giving Committee

St Andrew's budget allocated 10% of planned giving income for distribution as 'mission giving'. In 2024, a total of £8,352 was donated to eleven different organisations and people. Regrettably, the 2025 budget was 6% lower at £7,842.

65% (£5,097) went to projects overseas; 35% (£2,745) went to local projects.

The work and ethos of organisations supported by our mission giving seek to see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives and fulfilling their God-given potential. This inevitably, but not exclusively, leads to giving to organisations with a Christian basis.

We continued to support *International Health Partners (IHP)*, *Tearfund*, *Embrace the Middle East*, *Christian Aid* and *Latin Link*.

International Health Partners' (IHP) Big Give Christmas Challenge raised money to provide families in low- and middle-income countries with access to healthcare in their communities.

Tearfund - Donations to Tearfund's Christmas Appeal went towards literacy programmes which enable women to read and write so that they can create a better future for their children and children's children.

Embrace the Middle East's Middle East Emergency Appeal is providing:

- medical interventions for those injured, unwell, or without access to essential treatment and medicines;
- food aid for families facing sudden shortages, displacement, and rising costs;
- mental health support for adults and children carrying intense anxiety, grief, and shock; and
- trauma care for people affected directly by conflict, helping prevent long-term harm and supporting recovery.

Christian Aid - War in Sudan is driving more people into South Sudan in search of safety. Christian Aid's Sudan Crisis Appeal is helping to meet their most basic needs.

Latin Link - Works to strengthen churches in Bolivia, encouraging believers and preparing leaders. Julie Noble supports prisoners' children and families through the Angel Tree Centre in Oruro. Julie and volunteers run Restoring Hope discipleship and restorative justice programmes, and Julie also serves on the PRADOS drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre board.

Locally, we have supported *Young Life*, *FUTUREHope*, *Herts Welcomes Refugees (HWR)* and *Christians Against Poverty (CAP)* for many years.

Young Life makes connections in Hertford with young people who might not otherwise have come across the Christian faith. They run a couple of regular evening activities for secondary-aged students. At the time of writing, Bryan Fries is able to spend time in Richard Hale School, but other secondary schools in Hertford do not welcome input.

FUTUREhope is a free, confidential service working holistically with young people aged 11-19 in Hertford and Ware through three key areas of work:

- a mobile youth centre and purposeful detached work to connect with young people;
- work in schools at assemblies and a range of small group work activities; and
- provision of one-to-one work through mentoring.

Herts Welcomes Refugees (HWR) has a network of over 200 volunteers who:

- welcome refugees and people seeking asylum across Hertfordshire;
- provide practical support to new arrivals, helping them connect with their communities and adjust to life in the UK; and
- provide a range of support from befriending and English language practice to practical assistance for those who need it most.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) provides free, expert debt help, advice on how to budget and support to find a job.

We decided to support *Junction 42* for the first time after a member of our congregation on placement at HMP The Mount in Bovingdon witnessed their impressive work. *Junction 42* was founded in 2012 to work with offenders in prisons and communities through education programmes, mentoring support, faith-based group work and outreach.

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