

# Supporting our Mission Partners 2021 Appeal

As we have lived through this long and gruelling pandemic, it has continued to highlight for many of us how much we have compared to so many others, both locally and overseas. **The needs across our world are great.** There's physical needs to be met, such as hunger, refuge, healthcare; and also spiritual needs: our desire that many would come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

## Why do we give to other charities?

The local church is the hope for the world. As Christians, the Body of Christ, we are called to be the Good News not just in our local context, but further afield. Through our prayerful, practical and financial partnership with other individuals and charities we can help to ensure that needs are being met in the name of Jesus and the Good News is being proclaimed. We also give because it is good for us to do so – it is a vital spiritual discipline which we are called by God to observe individually and collectively.

## How does Mission Giving work at St Mary's?

Even though St Mary's is a registered charity, we can choose to give away some of our income in order to support other charities which are in line with our values and ethos. For many years we have had an annual appeal in support of our Mission Partners, and the donations made in response to this, along with some 'top up' from our general funds have been passed on to a variety of charities.

From 2022 onwards this process may change. Later this year the PCC will be deciding whether we should give a percentage of our planned income towards our Mission Partners, rather than having a special appeal for them each year. We will also be doing a routine review of which Mission Partners are supported by the church for the next three years.

Our annual support for Bristol Diocese (the Parish Share) helps to cover the cost of ordained leadership across the diocese, and supports churches who would otherwise be unable to afford to have a Vicar. We give a significant amount to the mission of Bristol Diocese which is not reflected in the figures below. Many in the church also support our Mission Partners through practical help, personal donations and prayer.

## How much did we give in 2020?

Charity	Amount	Charity	Amount	Charity	Amount
Interserve	£2,851	Sisters of the Church	£1,200	BISC	£250
CMS	£2,650	Bristol NW Foodbank	£1,200	Open Doors	£250
Joseph Bilal	£2,500	Trinity College	£1,200	Bishop's Ordination fund	£426
inHope	£2,497	43 <sup>rd</sup> Scouts	£258	Bristol night shelter	£670
OAC	£2,400	Bible Society	£250		
Tearfund	£1,200	Scripture Union	£250	<b>TOTAL</b>	£20,252

*\*Page 2 gives a description of these charities. Some gifts were made as part of ad hoc appeals, rather than part of our planned giving.*

## How can I support the Mission Partners in 2021?

You are invited to prayerfully consider making an additional donation (separate to any regular giving to the church) if you are able to, to help us support our Mission Partners this year.

### Donations can be made online (via BACS)

Account Name: **St Mary Magdalene PCC**

Account Number: **92604889**

Sort Code: **60-23-23** Reference: **MISSION**

### or as a cheque:

Cheques made payable to: **St Mary Magdalene PCC**

Bring to the Church Office marked as **Mission Appeal** or use a Mission Giving envelope available in church.

If you are UK tax payer you can **Gift Aid your donation** to allow us to claim back an additional 25p for every £1 donated. If you have already completed a Gift Aid form with St Mary's you don't need to do anything further. If you need to complete the form you can pick one up in church or download it here: <https://stmarysb.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=250807>

**Thank you for all you give to St Mary's and for prayerfully considering your response.**



## Partnership with individual Mission Workers and their agencies

### Lucy Monk, working with Interserve

Lucy works in Central Asia running Birth Life-saving courses (BLISS) and Women's business courses (LaBBs) as well as mentoring in the Institute of Leadership Development (ILP) which seeks to train Christians elsewhere. Currently much of her work involves providing hygiene education and support in light of the pandemic.



### Joseph Bilal, working with the Anglican Church in South Sudan

Joseph works as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for the University of Juba and is also leading the Covid-19 response for the Episcopal church on behalf of Archbishop Badi as well as being involved in conflict resolution between the competing tribes in South Sudan.

### Malcom Pritchard, working with the Church Mission Society

Malcolm teaches at the Janani Luwum Theological College at Gulu, Uganda and also serves Christ Church Gulu. The College currently has students at home, as the country is in lockdown and he is seeking to provide such relief as is possible locally as well as online involvement.



### David Serunjogi known as 'Romans', working with Open Air Campaigners

Romans, with Tabitha the Schools Worker, is involved with schools ministry near Kampala, Uganda but with his wife Sarah and daughter Lydia also runs an orphanage, large school and medical centre as well as ministry in the cathedral and far-flung outreach.

## Local charities that we support financially and in practical ways



### Bristol NW Foodbank and the Social Justice Hub, Avonmouth

We have a strong partnership through the Mission Area (ASMA) with the Foodbank, Homebank and CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre. Helping some of the most vulnerable people in our area through practical help. Many church members volunteer at the Foodbank or donate food regularly.

### inHope formerly called 'Crisis Centre Ministries'

inHope work in a variety of settings across the city supporting many of Bristol's most vulnerable people. The Wild Goose drop-in centre provides hot meals through the week. Life Recovery courses help those suffering with addiction. The Spring of Hope night shelter for is a refuge for vulnerable women and inHope also support the East Bristol Foodbank.



### The Sisters of the Church

These nuns distribute food to those in need in the St Paul's area of Bristol. They regularly give food parcels to 250-300 people per week. *'Our callers come for food and companionship and we are glad to give it to them in the name of Jesus.'*



### Trinity Theological College

We have many links through our Placement Students and members of Trinity staff who are part of our congregation. Our gifts help fund their bursary for needy students.



## Other charities that we support financially through smaller annual gifts

**Tearfund** *Through Bristol Diocese we're linked to Tearfund's community work in Kitgum Diocese, Uganda.*

**Christian Aid** *Support for some of the world's poorest people*

**The Bible Society** *Making the Bible available to all, and translating it into other languages*

**Open Doors** *Supporting and providing advocacy for persecuted Christians across the world*

**Bristol International Students Centre** *Welcoming overseas students to Bristol*

**Scripture Union** *Providing training and resources which help churches connect with children and teenagers*

Finally, please also **pray regularly for our Mission Partners**. Our **Mission Committee** meet 3-4 times per year to help keep our Mission Partners high on the agenda at St Mary's. If you have a passion for mission and would like to join, please talk to Jema Ball or Caroline Jowett-Ive (Committee Chair and Church Warden).