

St Peter's Church, Hale Mission in Action

Newsletter

March 2019

Welcome to our third Mission in Action update, in which you'll find news of some of the causes, local and overseas, that we support as a parish. Do give us your fund-raising suggestions. Or tell us why your favourite charity deserves wider support. Current MiA members are listed on the next page.

Help to flush poverty away

St Peter's Lent project 2019: Toilet-Twinning

*Some **2.3 billion** people on our planet still do not have a safe, hygienic toilet, and **844 million** people have no clean water near their home. This Lent we'd like to do our bit to help improve these statistics.*

The Toilet-Twinning initiative is run by Christian charity Tearfund, which works in communities around the globe, 'wherever the need is greatest'. Their idea is to mobilise people in wealthy countries to twin their loos with new, community-built latrines in poorer ones. It's a brilliant way to raise money, get people involved, and spread the word at the same time – because the fun twist is that you get a framed photo of your toilet twin, plus its GPS co-ordinates, to display in your smallest room for visitors to admire and, hopefully, want to imitate.

Our plan is to start off by matching all the loos in St Peter's House, along with the one in the church vestry and those in the Assembly Rooms, with ten new toilets in a number of developing countries. On project launch day, Sunday 10 March, we will be giving out collecting boxes to take home. You then have all of Lent to fill yours with small change – saving pennies as you 'spend' them, you could say.



The St Peter's Lent project launches on Sunday 10 March and runs until Easter Day, 21 April.

To find out more about how Toilet-Twinning operates, and for fundraising ideas that will amuse and motivate family members, neighbours, schools and the wider community, check out www.toilettwinning.org

St Peter's funding in 2019

Local mission

St Paul's, Salford
St Mary's, Partington
The Cottage, Hale
The Boaz Trust
The Counselling &
Family Centre

Overseas mission

CMS Mission Partners,
South-East Asia
Syria Relief school
support
Afrinspire
SolarAid

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Circle the City: Sponsored walk for Christian Aid on Saturday 27 April

Raise money ahead of this year's Christian Aid Week on a fun sponsored walk visiting some of Manchester's best-loved sights and places of worship. Along the way, enjoy pop-up exhibits, music and activities.

Book your place now, as a group or an individual, at ctcmanchester.eventbrite.co.uk or call 01925 582817.



Christian Aid Week: 12 to 18 May Can you help?

Last year, 57,000 volunteer collectors across Britain raised £8 million to fund vital Christian Aid programmes in some of the world's most disadvantaged communities. At St Peter's we raised more than £2,700 towards that total.

We are looking for your help again. So if you can spare a couple of hours during the week of 12-18 May to take on a door-to-door round, please contact Kate Barlow on 0161 941 4741.

Church of the Ascension

Rebuilding has begun at the Church of the Ascension in Salford, destroyed by fire in 2017. The money we raised at St Peter's has been earmarked for a new community kitchen where, among other things, cooking lessons can take place.

World Leprosy Day: result

Retiring collections on 27 January raised £457.75 for The Leprosy Mission's work in Nepal. To find out more about the charity, visit www.leprosymission.org.uk

SolarAid: the lightbulb moment!

One of the people who bought solar lights at St Peter's House before Christmas was so taken with charity SolarAid's vision that he demonstrated his purchases at his company's weekly staff meeting. Management responded by offering to match the cost of all purchases and donations by company members. Amazingly, their offer exactly coincided with a national one-week campaign organised online by The Big Give that meant SolarAid could secure match-funding – so the company's £530 final tally was doubled again.

St Peter's raised £840 in sales at Christmas (39 small and nine larger lights) and £1170 in donations. This equates to 293,667 extra hours of child study time in communities without electricity, according to SolarAid's 'impact calculator'. Thanks to all those who supported this initiative. If you'd like to purchase a solar light, please speak to Keith Neal.

For more on SolarAid visit <https://solar-aid.org>

The Mission in Action team's main task is to research and recommend to the PCC causes to support with the 10 per cent of annual giving that is allocated for this purpose. Donations are divided between UK and overseas causes. Wherever possible we support those with a local link, or that have been recommended to us. Current MiA members are: Keith Neal, Kate Barlow, Jean Cooper, John Farmer, Mary Graham, Caroline Greening, Kate Hass, Myles Owen and Mike Whiting. If you'd like to hear more, do talk to us!