

Charitable Giving at St Andrew's, Kildwick

A change in Policy

The policy of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) at St Andrew's has been for many years to give an amount equal to 10% raised in general funds to charities. The term "General Funds" has been taken to mean money raised to support the church by planned giving, collections, general donations, church fees (e.g. weddings) and fundraising activities to support general funds (i.e. Summer and Autumn Fairs). In addition specific collections and fundraising events have been taken for the benefit of specific charities.

Due to increasing costs and without a matching increase in income, this meant that during 2005 and 2006 the 10% figure was only maintained by depleting reserves. The run-down of reserves in 2007 meant that only 2.7% of general funds could be paid in grants direct from general funds (i.e. £1,800 out of £66,952). However, when specific collections and fundraising events are taken into consideration and added to general funds the total given represented 8.4% of the combined income (i.e. £5,975 out of £71,127). The breakdown of giving in 2007 is shown below.

| Organisation | Specific Fundraising £ | Grants from General Funds £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Overseas Missions | | |
| Bible Society | 17 | |
| Church Mission Society | 867 | |
| Church Mission Partners (Lee Family) | | 1,000 |
| Jigsaw Kids' Ministries | 475 | |
| Mission Partners (Tirwomwe) | | 300 |
| Relief & Development | | |
| Bishop's appeal for wells in Pakistan | 466 | |
| Bishop's appeal for wells in Sudan | 700 | |
| Jeff Green | | 250 |
| Home Missions | | |
| CDFC – Careforce Project | | 250 |
| The Childrens' Society | 249 | |
| St. George's Crypt | 475 | |
| Secular Charities | | |
| Manorlands Hospice | 223 | |
| Martin House Hospice | 704 | |
| Totals | 4,175 | 1,800 |

Continued pressure on cost this year has caused the PCC to revise the charitable giving policy. The PCC concluded that:

- We do need to increase the level of general income to cover increased costs.
- It made little sense to seek to raise additional general funds merely to then allocate a significant proportion of it to charitable giving. A better approach is raise money for charities solely by the specific fundraising route. In that way additional money is channelled directly to a specific charity.
- The policy of giving money to charity out of general funds has therefore been terminated.

In order to continue to support charitable giving a new mechanism is being introduced. With effect from October we will name a designated "Charity of the Month". A specific collecting box - "The Red Bucket" - will be available at each church service to enable people to support the charity. Giving can be enhanced by using Gift Aid envelopes. Please note that collections for general church funds will continue as before – this goes towards the £1,400 per week cost of running the church and its activities.

For the next three months the charities supported will be:

October – The Bible Society

November – Our Church Mission Society Partners, Tim & Kate Lee

December - WaterAid