

Charity Committee Report

This report covers the period from June 24 to May 25

Background

Each month Holy Trinity Church draws attention to the work of a different charity. The mix of charities changes from year to year; some charities appear annually as part of our longer-term commitment to them, while others feature for only a year or two. Being a charity for the month provides an opportunity for us to bring to wider attention lesser-known charities or to feature a cause that is particularly close to someone's heart. The charity committee meets in the autumn to agree the programme for the year ahead. Please see below for our current schedule.

In choosing the charities we support, we remain particularly mindful of the Anglican Communion's 'Five Marks of Mission':

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers;
- To respond to human need by loving service;
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation;
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

By focussing in this way, we don't only support the breadth of what God is doing, but are also reminded of the mission(s) we are all called to, regardless of that to which God calls us in our particular circumstances.

Charity for the month schedule

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| 2024 | |
| October | One Can Foodbank |
| November | Royal British Legion |
| December | Children's Society |
| | Housing Justice |
| | Disasters Emergency Committee |
| 2025 | |
| January | Young Minds |
| February | Wycombe Homeless Connection |
| March | Bradbury House minibus fund |
| April | Bible Society (focussing on Braille bibles for the Bible Society of Uganda) |
| May | Innovista |
| June | Samaritan's Purse |
| July | Cure Parkinson's |
| August | Kisiizi Hospital |
| September | CRANE (Children at Risk Action Network, in Uganda) |

Aspects of the year so far...

In October Holy Trinity's harvest weekend was again the focal point for collecting donations from the school and villages for One Can foodbank in High Wycombe. The

Royal British Legion was, again, the charity for November, tying in with Remembrance Sunday.

For many years Holy Trinity church family has collected presents and vouchers for the children and families of those who attend St Andrews Family Support Group. In November Rachel and Katharine in collaboration with Claire Jenkin arranged for the gifts to be bought to the Advent Sunday Service at the end of November. Again, they were overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation and villages. The work of The Children's Society was the focus of giving at the Christingle service, and we also supported Housing Justice and Disasters Emergency Committee across the Christmas season, as we did last year.

A big thank you to the Tombstone Teens – three of our teenagers who slept out in the February cold to raise over £1500 for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Our thanks to Katharine Parker, Rachel Gibson and Nora Bennett for their wisdom and energy on this committee. If you would be interested in joining this committee, do please come and speak to Jez!

Jez Carr

1st May 2025