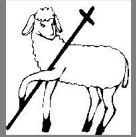




Spotlight on St Agnes'...



MISSION & ACTION

Annual Mission Giving: The Parish Mission Fund

For many years now 5% of the collection taken at St Agnes every Sunday is banked separately in to a specific Mission account. At the last PCC meeting of each calendar year this parish mission fund is distributed to missions and charities suggested by congregation members.

Nominations

During December 2006 we received 12 nominations for charities, mission agencies and organisations. The PCC agreed to 'top-up' the total amount available for giving and so we divided the £800 available between four organisations.

As in previous years we aimed to choose a mix of local, national and international organisations to support.

Thank you!

You can read about their work in this leaflet or find out more details from the parish website - please support them with your prayers as well.

Thank you for your support!

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we're supporting **Tumelong Mission**

Tumelong meaning "Place of Faith" is the Anglican Diocese of Pretoria's Mission for Community Development. It works in the Odi-Moretele District north of Pretoria, South Africa. Tumelong cares for the disadvantaged in the areas of poverty relief, job creation, rehabilitation, social welfare, education and health.



Tumelong Hospice has a vital role to play as growing numbers of people in the Winterveldt area die of AIDS. The hospice at Lekgema is equipped to handle a very small number of the terminally ill patients in the area, so hospice care is limited to those with no other caregiving options. Thus, much of the care of people with AIDS must be done in the home. Tumelong Hospice's philosophy is that this care should not be separated from a broader home care programme for all terminal and chronic illness.

Tumelong's home care nursing services provide not only direct care for those who are ill, but also empower families to care for their loved ones, help pensioners to obtain their pensions, disabled people their disability grants and assist destitute families in funeral preparations.

we're supporting **Mampong Babies Home**

Mampong Babies Home is run by the Anglican Diocese of Kumasi, Ghana. The Bishop of Kumasi, The Rt Revd Daniel Yinka Sarfo came to St Agnes during 2004 to preach. We made a donation previously to their building appeal and we received the gift of a stole.



we're supporting **The Smile Train**

Unlike many charities that do many different things, The Smile Train is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate. Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where there are millions of children who are suffering with unrepaired clefts. Most cannot eat or speak properly, aren't allowed to attend school or hold a job, and face very difficult lives filled with shame and isolation, pain and heartache.

The good news is every single child with a cleft can be helped with surgery that costs as little as £150 and takes as little as 45 minutes.

The Smile Train mission:

- to provide free cleft surgery for millions of poor children in developing countries.
- to provide free cleft-related training for doctors and medical professionals.



we're supporting **The Mustard Tree**



The Mustard Tree is a Christian charity based in Manchester and our aim is:

"To meet the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of those in need across Manchester"

We try and meet this aim by providing support through the provision of emergency food parcels, clothing and furniture from our base in Ancoats. We also provide training courses and volunteering opportunities to our clients. Our clients include many different people including those living on the streets or in temporary accommodation; refugees and asylum seekers; people recovering from addictions; the long term unemployed; those

recently released from prison and families with little money who are setting up home. Twice a week we also distribute soup, sandwiches and hot drinks to the homeless in Manchester City Centre.

Some current and recent SAMAG ideas...

GOLD MINING

Thank you to everyone who signed cards and gold chains as part of the fairer mining campaign organised by CAFOD - Uneath Justice. More details of this when we hear about the results.

WATER AID

The Harvest project - Just Add Water - was a great success. If you didn't get a copy of the leaflet with all the water stories in it please pick one up from the back of church or download one from the SAMAG website.

PAPER ROSES

We made over 40 paper roses to send to the Women of Zimbabwe as part of their peaceful protest against the government of President Mugabe. Thank you to everyone who made roses - please keep this and other Amnesty campaigns in your prayers.

About SAMAG (St Agnes Mission & Action Group)

Towards the end of 2004 the PCC discussed the need for a small group of people to meet regularly to coordinate our mission and outreach as a parish on matters of peace, justice, mission and action. We believe that our Christian calling and our baptismal promises require that we look at such issues as a matter of duty. We therefore meet regularly to discuss and to recommend to the PCC which issues or projects we feel the parish should be involved with and how.

We meet monthly on the first Wednesday immediately after the 11am Eucharist. This is an open group to assist the PCC. Find out more about SAMAG (including notes on the latest campaigns) by visiting the parish website

www.stagneslongsight.org/mission

why not join us? bring your ideas and action campaigns!