

Mission and Giving at St Andrew's

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Romsey Mill is a Cambridge-based Christian charity working with some of the most disadvantaged young people and families in the area [for more details, go to: www.romseymill.org].

Through the North Cambridge Council of Churches, **St Andrews donates £1,000 a year to support Ellie Howes who is the current coordinator of the Transitions Programme**, helping 10-14 year-olds increase their self-esteem and confidence, particularly as they face primary-secondary school transition. The Director of Year 7 and Primary Liaison at Manor C.C. has recently said: *“The work of Ellie and her team is invaluable to the college, but more importantly to the students who are transferring from a small and well known environment to one that is potentially very scary....Ellie is incredibly pro-active with the students and works tirelessly to promote their well-being.”* **Ellie has been using St Andrew's Hall** since November to run a weekly group on Wednesday afternoons for Year 8 pupils from Manor Community College. Please read the whole report on the Transitions Project in the winter edition of the Romsey Mill News, posted on their website.

Having met Ellie in 2008 and learnt more about her work, **Junior Church raised £58.63** at the Stir Up Sunday Fair in November and have donated 90% of this to the Transitions Project.

Children who have benefited from the Transitions Project took part in a 10th Anniversary Songs of Praise on Sunday 18 January at the Church of the Good Shepherd as part of the recent Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



November 2008 Giving Day

We are delighted to be able to report that **we raised a total of £1041.42 for USPG: Anglicans in World Mission**, in support of the 'Chance of a Lifetime' project for AIDS victims in South Africa. Our gift will provide nearly 40% of the target funding requested.

The **House of Hope Haven** in Port Elizabeth is run by the Anglican Church without any help from the South African government. This is a care centre in which children and adults live together, enabling children to inspire adults with their enthusiasm, and adults to provide guidance to children. This mix of ages provides a normal, secure, homely environment which also stimulates health.

The model of care used is called the Wellness Management Programme, and involves the holistic view of each person as a physical, emotional, social and spiritual being. Apparently 50% of 'terminal' patients recover sufficiently to return home, and eight of the children are currently well enough to attend the local school.

The centre also reaches out into the community, offering training to business, community organisations and schools, raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, and teaching people how to avoid catching the virus and where to go for help and information.

St Andrew's Giving in 2008

We recently sent **£364.42 to the Children's Society** following the Christingle and Crib Services in December 2008.

Our giving to a wide range of projects and causes in 2008 totalled nearly £9000. The full list can be found on the Mission & Giving noticeboard near the main entrance to the church, or on the church's website. Many thanks to all who have contributed.



St Andrew's has continued to support **Azul Wasi** (Blue House), a project in Cusco, Peru, to build a home for street children.

During the autumn we held several events to raise money for the project. This included a sponsored cycle ride round some local villages in September. In October the hall was the venue for a lively evening of Salsa music and dancing with a live band. The children of Junior Church also held one of their wonderful coffee and cake sales after church. Altogether we raised £3,358.

Azul Wasi now has its own website, **www.azulwasi.org** - it is in its early days and more information will be added. We are also creating a page on the church website with pictures and news.

We would like to try now to create a more regular stream of funding to send out to help cover the running costs. If you would be interested in making a regular donation by standing order, this would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Simon Peyton Jones (523485) or Mary Pountain (311055).

One-off donations can be made to St Andrew's Church, Chesterton. If you would like to Gift Aid a donation, please put it in one of the white pew envelopes (completing the form on the envelope and labelling it Blue House).

Dates for your diary ...

Sun 22 Feb : Coffee and cake sale by Junior Church for Azul Wasi

Weds 4 Mar : next Mission & Giving Group meeting – ideas and contributions welcome

17 May : next Giving Day at St Andrew's

What is the Mission and Giving Group?

The *Mission and Giving Group* is a sub-committee of the PCC that plans and coordinates our giving as a church to Christian work and other charitable causes. We meet 3 times a year to monitor existing church commitments, and to plan Giving Days (November/ May), arrange speakers/materials, etc. Group members are: Richard Collins, Judith Gardom, Margaret Hiley, Dorothy Peyton Jones, Mary Pountain, Nigel Taylor, Lynda Taylor, and Bridget Trump.

How do we plan our giving?

We use the five 'marks of mission' of the worldwide Anglican church to guide our decisions about priorities for giving and to ensure a balance in our commitment to various aspects of mission:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth

Where can you find more information?

As well as this leaflet, you'll find further information displayed in church. The large noticeboard near the main entrance door shows a world map and details of individual people and projects we currently support, including pictures.

Please take this leaflet away as a reminder of our church's involvement in mission at home and abroad. You can use it as a basis for prayer, and you may even like to explore further personal involvement in some of the projects. Thank you for your support.

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