

Mission and Giving at St Andrew's

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Ellie Howes – Transitions Co-ordinator, Romsey Mill

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. She helps 10-14 year-olds increase their self-esteem and confidence, raise their aspirations, and develop their skills. She does this through out-of-school groups, outdoor activities, peer mentoring, 1:1 work across the primary-secondary transition, and a literacy support programme.

Ellie recently met with some of our young people in *Why Group* and Junior Church and share with them the experiences of starting at a new school as well as some of the activities used by the project. *Why Group* has pledged to raise extra money for Ellie with a car wash on 20th July and future cake sales. Please support them.

Romsey Mill has been selected as one of the two charities to benefit from the annual *Chariots of Fire* Race around Cambridge on Sunday 21 September 2008. Contact Dorothy Peyton-Jones if you'd like to be part of St Andrew's relay team or help in any way (523485 or dorothyhj@ntlworld.com).

May 2008 Giving Day

We raised £1059.92 in support of the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre, which supports people who have, or have had, cancer or other serious illnesses, as well as their carers, families and friends.

Founded in 1986, the Centre offers a safe place where people with cancer can meet each other, discover they are not alone, and give one another mutual support. New purpose-built accommodation for the Centre recently opened in the grounds of Scotsdales Garden Centre, Great Shelford. Funds are still needed to complete the furnishing of the interior and to provide the necessary equipment for its activities.

A letter of thanks from the Centre, together with a copy of their June 2008 newsletter, is on the Mission and Giving noticeboard in church.

Environment Sunday – 8 June 2008

In line with the 5th mark of mission (see page 4), our morning service focused on the mission and ministry of A Rocha (Christians in Conservation). We watched a DVD about A Rocha's work worldwide to encourage 'creation care' and we reflected on our response before God as individuals and as a church.

As an A Rocha supporting church we have given £250 from our core giving funds to support this important work. To find out more, visit the A Rocha website [www.arocha.org] or talk to Nigel and Lynda Taylor.



St Andrew’s has been supporting a project in Cusco, Peru, to build a home for street children. Just before Christmas the first children arrived to live at **Azul Wasi** (Blue House). There are nine boys now ranging from age 4 to 17. They attend the village school and are enjoying life in the country. The latest addition to their family is a cow, to provide milk. They have been building a bakery and a greenhouse so that they can be more self-sufficient and also be able to sell their products.

We have some events coming up to raise money for Azul Wasi. — a sponsored Cycle Ride on September 21st and a Salsa evening on October 11th (think of it as a Latin American style barn dance with food!). Do tell people about these events.

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). If you would like to know more about the project, or if you have fundraising ideas, please contact Chris and Mary Pountain on 01223 311055.

Dates for your diary ...

Our Harvest celebrations on **Sunday 21st September** will include a focus on support for children through Romsey Mill and Azul Wasi.

Our next Giving Day will be **Sunday 16th November**. We shall focus attention on our USPG (Anglicans in World Mission) link - to support their ‘Chance of a Lifetime’ healthcare project helping those affected by HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB in Zambia, Uruguay and South Africa.

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.

*Nigel and Lynda Taylor, on behalf of the Mission and Giving Group
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