

St Mary's Church

Proposed charities for 2020

Here are the proposed charities for 2020 with an outline of their aims and objectives.

* = this charity has not previously been supported.

***CMA Connect Fareham – January**

CMA Connect Fareham is a new initiative opened in September 2019 and is linked to the national charity Community Money Advice. It enables people to access free, confidential, debt advice and provides face to face support with budgeting to anyone struggling with these issues in our local community and beyond. It is led by Rev Bruce Deans in St John's Church Hall Fareham with trained Christian volunteers. The advisors help and support anyone worried about debt whatever their circumstances or background. This includes help and advice from the national charity Community Money Advice. They support clients as they deal with creditors and helps them manage their household budget.

(Christian; Social; Local)

***Rural Refugee Network – February**

The Rural Refugee Network was set up in 2015 by a group of volunteers in Hampshire and West Sussex to help the Syrian refugee crisis. Their aims are to find accommodation for Syrian refugees and help them resettle and integrate into the UK communities, to source household items and offer befriending, transport, English language tuition, mentoring and training services. They have settled 10 refugee families in Hampshire and given over 20 grants to help with training, education and business start ups. The Rural Refugee Network is urgently in need of private landlords to help refugee families from Syria or war torn countries.

(Poor/Homeless; Third World; Local)

***Home-start - March (Mothering Sunday)**

Home-start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children. It was set up in 1973. There are over 200 local, independent Home-starts working in local authorities across the UK including Southampton, Fareham and Gosport. They help families struggling with post natal depression, isolation, physical health problems, bereavement and many other issues.

Families receive the support of a volunteer, also a parent, to spend around 2 hours a week in a family's home supporting them. Home-starts across the UK also support families in groups, hold day trips and Christmas parties and help access local services.

(Children; Families; Social; Local)

Global Care -April (Easter)

Global Care is an International Christian, children's charity and has been supporting the poorest, most vulnerable children around the World for 35 years. They work in and with communities to help children through education, welfare, care and sometimes residential care. They share the love of God with all, regardless of faith or ethnicity. There are 2.5 million disabled children in Uganda and over 90% do not go to school. Global care supporters and volunteers are providing disability initiatives including playschemes and accessible toilets in remote hilly areas. In Guatemala cities they focus on rescuing street children. Volunteers have converted a bus into a mobile clinic, classroom and mentoring centre. A new protection shelter is being developed.

(Christian; Children; Young people; Third World)

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Rainbow Centre - May

The Rainbow Centre in Fareham supports children with Cerebral Palsy and adults with a stroke, MS, Parkinson's Disease and head injury and their families. The centre uses 'Conductive Education', which encourages and teaches children and adults to take an active role in their own development and to learn new ways to become active and to reach their potential. It provides services for all children and uses a complex programme in the development of social, emotional, communication, cognitive and physical skills. For adults it uses a specialised neuro-rehabilitation for those with motor disorders. It works with educational and medical professionals.

(Medical/Disabled; Children/Youth; Adults/Elderly; Local)

***Youth Options– June**

Youth Options is committed to developing young people's social and educational skills. They employ 65 full and part time staff and about 60 volunteers. Approx 20% of services are Open Access for all young people and 80% are targeted projects for young people with specific needs in a wide range of situations, including those in care, care leavers, those at risk of exclusion from school or society and those already excluded from mainstream education. Their services are individually tailored to specific needs and include Alternative provision services, Key worker programmes, Open access, Residential programmes and Childcare. They work with schools, local authorities and housing associations.

(Children/Young people; Local; Social)

Mission to Seafarers – July (Sea Sunday)

This voluntary society within the Anglican Church is concerned with the well being of seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs in more than 50 countries around the world. Its chaplains, lay staff and volunteers provide a welcome and friendship in over 200 ports and provide help and support to the 1.5 million men and women who can face danger such as piracy, shipwreck and abandonment. They offer practical and emotional and spiritual support through ship visits, Seafarers centres, welfare and emergency support centres. It is entirely funded by voluntary donations. In 2018 673,000 seafarers visited their centres.

(Christian; Seafarers)

***Cam Fed – August**

Campaign for Female Education is an International non-profit making organisation. It tackles poverty and inequality by supporting marginalised girls to go to school. It invests in girls and woman from the poorest rural communities in Sub-Saharan Africa. Cam Fed provides education programmes in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania & Malawi and has supported approx 3.3 million students to attend primary and secondary school. In many parts of the world girls are the first to be excluded from education and are often the first to drop out of school facing early marriages, early pregnancy and HIV/AIDS. Cam Fed supports and provides financial resources and are supported by partnering with the local community teachers and Government. This helps them to get into school and to do well academically. They can then acquire the skills to start a business and to reinvest into their local community.

(Children/Youth; Third World)

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Stroke Association -September

The Stroke Association works to prevent stroke, and to support everyone who is touched by stroke, funds research and campaign for the rights of stroke survivors of all ages. There are 1.2 million stroke survivors a year in the UK, 100,000 people diagnosed with a stroke each year. They provide specialist support and advice which include emotional support, communication support and exercise based rehabilitation and work closely with medical experts, stroke victims and their families. Their research helps to improve treatments, care and rehabilitation to help stroke survivors make the best recovery they can. Volunteers play a vital role and are given training and resources. There is a stroke coordinator in Southampton.

(Elderly; Medical/ Disabled)

Tools for Self Reliance- October (Harvest)

Tools for Self Reliance are an International charity based in Netley Abbey which recycles and refurbishes tools and sewing machines and supplies them to partners in Africa. They work with African organisations in Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia. They run vocational training projects which provide people with the skills to set up their own businesses and also equip them with a Toolkit to get them started, train them carpentry, welding, bricklaying, and business and financial management. Tools for Self Reliance has a network of volunteers in the UK who refurbish the donated tools and prepare toolkits and send them in response to requests from their partners in Africa.

(Third World; Local)

Poppy Appeal – November (Remembrance Day)

The first Poppy Day was held on 11 November 1921 and has continued annually ever since. The British Legion's purpose is to give practical help in time of need to all who served in the Forces, and their widows and dependents. With all the recent conflicts, there is an increasing need to help all members of the Armed Forces today as well as ex-service personnel and their dependents.

(Community; Social; Medical/Disabled)

Church Homeless Trust– December

The Church Homeless Trust (previously Church Housing Trust) is a grant-giving organisation that helps homeless people to rebuild their lives. They fund training, volunteering and work opportunities, personal development and training in life skills, grants for clothing, travel and group activities and furniture and household essentials when people move into a home of their own. They work closely with homelessness schemes and Churches. At present they fund individuals without homes in approx 100 supported living schemes across England, including projects for those with drug and alcohol dependency; accommodation for homeless families; baby and mother units; woman's refuges; ex-service personnel and asylum seekers. In 2018 they helped approx 3,000 people in over 100 projects. They hold a World Homeless Week in Oct.

(Homeless; Christian; Social)