

## St Mary's Church

### Proposed charities for 2021

Here are the proposed charities for 2021 with an outline of their aims and objectives.

\* = this charity has not previously been supported.

#### **PLANETS Appeal – January**

PLANETS (part of Southampton Hospital charity) was set up to treat patients with pancreatic, liver, oesophageal and other cancers. Its aim is to continue to fund a revolutionary form of radiotherapy, IOERT (Intra operative Electron Beam radiotherapy). Due to Covid19 they cannot afford to keep up the £10.000 a month lease purchase agreement and have launched an appeal. It is the first portable system able to give targeted radiation at the time of surgery to treat advanced cancers that are difficult to remove and treat. This is the only UK hospital to use this device. It is not funded by the NHS. Patients treated by it have had excellent results. If funds are not found the machine will have to be returned to the USA. (Medical; Local)

#### **\*Fareshare Southern Central – February**

Fareshare redistributes surplus food to charities in the UK that then turn it into meals. Southern Central branch has been operating since 2014 and provides good quality food to charities and community organisations in Hampshire. They support breakfast clubs, food banks, lunch clubs for older people, night shelters, community cafes and projects supporting vulnerable young people and those with addictions and mental health issues. They work closely with the food and drinks industry to ensure that no good food goes to waste. Fareshare has continued a national operation to get food to vulnerable people during the Covid19 crisis. This work is carried out by volunteers.

(Social; Poor/Homeless; Local)

#### **\*Action for Children - March (Mothering Sunday)**

Action for Children is a UK Children's charity that helps vulnerable children and young people, and supports young people who are homeless. They work in communities through local services across the UK and in schools and on-line. Their work involves: support for parents and families offering ante-natal support and parenting advice: early years education; support for families with disabled children at home and on short breaks; advice on mental and emotional wellbeing; advice and support for young people involved in or at risk of crime; foster, adoption and residential services that provide safe and loving family homes; giving young carers a break; skills programmes to prepare young people for adult life.

(Children; Families; Social; Christian)

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### **Mercy Ships-April (Easter)**

Mercy Ships UK is a Christian charity and provides health services to developing countries through a series of hospital ships. This includes free surgery and medical care. It also joins with local communities to improve health care, offering training and advice, materials and assistance. Each ship is crewed by volunteer doctors, nurses, water engineers and agriculturists. They provide help for people with deformities, including cleft palate, visual impairments including cataract surgery. Also obstetrics, fistulas and pregnancy related problems. Welfare programmes are also provided including sanitation, skills training and advice and agriculture. During Covid19 Mercy Ships has responded by donating life saving medical equipment, anaesthesia machines and PPE to 11 African nations with weak healthcare systems.

(Medical/ Disabled; Christian; 3<sup>rd</sup> World)

### **Mission Aviation Fellowship- May**

MAF is a Christian organisation and for over 75 years has been operating aircraft to many countries throughout the developing world. It flies across hostile environments to remote, hostile, inaccessible locations and is partnered with hundreds of organisations to bring physical and spiritual care to those in need. MAF provides a wide range of support for many medical ministries and flies vital supplies, aid workers, medical professionals and missionaries to poor isolated communities. They also fly relief in times of flood, famine, earthquake and other natural disasters. A third of Bangladesh is submerged under dirty waterways and MAF has flown relief with their amphibious plane to some of the poorest and isolated communities.

(Christian; 3<sup>rd</sup> world)

### **\*Captain Tom Foundation– June**

Following the amazing feat of raising almost £33 Million for the NHS and becoming a Knight and national treasure, Captain Tom Moore and his family are keen to continue with a new charitable enterprise. They have launched The Captain Tom Foundation with the aims of championing education and equality, supporting our friends overseas, combating loneliness and helping those facing bereavement. These last 2 have a particular resonance in the wake of the increase of all those who have lost loved ones in the Covid19 pandemic. To support this Captain Tom will publish 2 books, his autobiography, entitled 'Tomorrow will be a Good Day' and a children's picture book.

(Social; Medical; Elderly/children)

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### **Missions 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. Seafarers are responsible for 90% of the worlds trade transport and are key workers. During the Covid19 pandemic Missions to Seafarers have been providing Digital Chaplaincy as Seafarers have been unable to leave their ships and chaplains limited to gangway visits. Protective equipment is also needed. Their 121 Seafarers centres are vital as Covid safe environments.

(Christian; Seafarers)

### **SCRATCH – August**

Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship. Their aims are to relieve poverty for families and individuals in Southampton and surrounding areas. People are referred by approved referral agencies. It is a Christian charity and was established to manage and develop the social action projects inherited by Christian charity Southampton City Mission. They operate several projects; -Dorcas which provides good quality furniture and household items; Removals -provides an emergency removal scheme in conjunction with Winchester City Council; Christmas Complete- provides toys and gifts for children and young people who may go without; Community Repair- redistributes paint to referral clients and community groups; Megabite Meal Squares- provides hot meals to those begging on the streets and other vulnerable people.

(Social; Poor/Homeless; Local; Christian)

### **Childline (NSPCC) -September**

Childline was established in 1986 by Esther Rantzen and is there to help anyone up to the age of 19 in the UK with any issues they are going through. It is free, confidential and available day and night. Their trained counsellors are mostly volunteers and deal with any issues causing stress or concern. The Covid19 pandemic and lockdown has impacted on a generation of children with the closure of schools and lack of their usual support networks. Many vulnerable children have been placed at increased risk of mental health difficulties and Childline has given over 21,000 counselling sessions. They also deal with child abuse, bullying, parental separation or divorce, pregnancy, substance misuse, neglect, school and college issues and psychological abuse.

(Children; Young People; Social)

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### **Water Aid - October (Harvest)**

Water Aid is an international organisation. Its mission is to transform people's lives by improving access to safe, clean water, toilets and hygiene. They have teams in 28 countries working with local communities to help build wells, pumps, taps and toilets. One in ten people around the world do not have access to clean water close to home and many children die before the age of 5. During Covid19 Water Aid has been working to keep people safe and provide lasting access to water and sanitation so they can defend and build resistance to Covid19 and other contagious diseases. In Burkino Faso, West Africa, half of the country does not have clean water.

(Third World)

### **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)

### **Salvation Army– December**

The Salvation Army Mission is to care for people in need, irrespective of their circumstances. They help homeless people through soup runs, drop-in centres, homeless centres and addiction support. They provide accommodation for women suffering domestic violence, a family tracing service, help for the elderly including drop-in centres and youth clubs. During the Covid19 pandemic they have provided food for thousands of people and have been a life line to the most isolated in communities delivering prescriptions and medical supplies and regularly phoning people in isolation. They have also kept residential centres open to give homeless people safety off the streets.

(Christian; Homeless; Social; Family; Children/Youth; Elderly)