

# OUTWARD GIVING

## What do we mean by 'Outward Giving'?

We aspire to give 10% of each year's actual regular giving, including tax recovery, to chosen charitable causes each year.

## By Outward Giving.....

- the church models good practice for Christians
- the church is able to build meaningful links in ways that individuals may not be able to do alone. For example, inviting representatives to come and tell us about their work can be mutually enriching.
- the church can utilise helpful resources for worship, made available by mission organisations.

## How does it work?

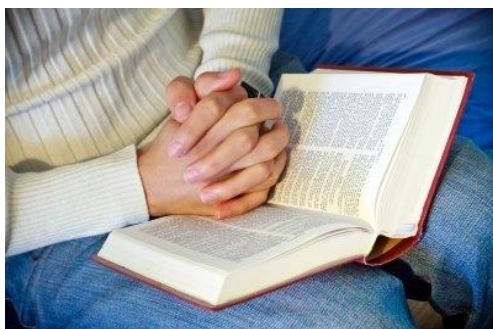
Our giving is planned with six charities supported for four years. This helps them in their financial planning and for us to build meaningful relationships.

We do not simply give financially. We support the chosen charities in other ways, particularly prayer and help raise awareness about their work. Our named links with each charity help this.

St Nicolas Church also supports other charities through prayer, fund-raising and other ways.

These include:

- Christian Aid – occasional fund raising and collections
- Fairtrade – we are proud to be a Fairtrade Church
- LeatherHead Start – Harvest and Christmas food gifts
- The Childrens' Trust at Tadworth – toy collection each December
- The Meeting Place in Bookham – working together with other local churches



## Where does the money come from?

Regular giving includes money received from:

- Standing orders
- Planned giving envelopes
- Cash placed in the collection plate each week
- Online giving and
- Cash given through pew envelopes.

It also includes Gift Aid recovered on these amounts.



## How much do we give?

A figure for outward giving is budgeted each year and following PCC approval, is paid retrospectively annually in November.

Year	Amount for each of our 6 chosen charities	Total Amount
2018	£2650	£15,900
2019	£2900	£17,400
2020	£3000	£18,000
2021	£2750	£16,500
2018-21	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£67,800</b>

## How do we choose who to support?

There will always be far more good causes around than we can possibly support, so we will always have to draw the line somewhere. Our intention in recent years has to been to support a few organisations well, rather than support many organisations in a token way.

It is good to have a mix between causes that are more overtly evangelistic in their focus and those with more of a social concern, though as a church we generally support initiatives led by Christians.

We also look to support a mix of local, national and overseas needs and causes. However, we also support occasional appeals, such as for disaster relief and spontaneous responses to specific recipients in other ways, such as freewill offerings at the door on the way out of church.

## Our selection of charities supported from 2022-2025

When asked to help prioritise key themes and criteria, the top three prioritised in an open online survey for the congregation were:

- Poverty – 78.8%
- Persecution – 59.6%
- The Bible and Discipleship – 46.8%

When asked to prioritise key beneficiaries, the top responses were:

- Disadvantaged People – 85%
- Children and Young People – 59.6%
- Homeless people – 59.6%
- Oppressed people – 53.2%

After reviewing twenty suggested charities against these priorities alongside other essential factors, six were recommended and approved by the PCC at its meeting in September 2021.

## OUTWARD GIVING 2022

In 2022, St Nicolas Church gave the following to our chosen charities:

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Amount given</b>
Bible Society	£3350
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	£3350
Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW)	£3350
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	£1675
Mission to Seafarers	£1675
Oasis – Hadley Project (North London)	£3350
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£16,750</b>



***All your contributions are very much appreciated.***