



ST NICOLAS, GREAT BOOKHAM

Building Faith in the Community

Outward Giving Review - 2026-29

What is 'Outward Giving' at St Nicolas?

Every year, St Nicolas aims to donate up to 10% of its regular giving, (including Gift Aid) to a group of 6 charities chosen by our congregation. We give to these charities for a period of four years and then review progress.

How do we choose who to support?

We cannot give to all charities, however worthy, so we aim to support organisations that meet our agreed criteria as a congregation, i.e. ones that are Gospel-based and which benefit children and youth, elderly people and others who are disadvantaged in some way.

We also look for a good mix of evangelistic and social action charities working at local, national and international level. We pray regularly for our charities and invite speakers to come and tell us more about their work. We have named links with each charity who help us with this.

What now?

We do not *need* to change any of the charities we support for the period 2026-2029, however it is a good time to ensure we continue to support charities close to our heart as a church.

Our current charities benefit a wide range of people groups and issues, they are:
The Bible Society- evangelism; Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – debt counselling; Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) - support for persecuted faiths; The Oasis Trust – youthwork in North London; Mission to Seamen; Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF UK)

Why Outward Giving?

By outward giving, the church corporately models good practice for the individual Christian. As a congregation, we can forge a meaningful link with a charity that the individual often cannot.

Specialist organisations can accomplish work that the church feels called to do but cannot carry out itself. Also a good many mission organisations provide rich resources for worship and teaching which benefit our church.

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New charities

We often change one or two of our charities as part of our four-year review. If you are involved with a charity or good cause and would like it to be considered for support by St. Nicolas, please provide as much information as you can below:

Charity Name and UK Charity Registration Number (if known)

How are you connected with the charity and why you would like it to be supported?

Would you be willing to be a named link for this or another charity, providing prayer topics, updating the noticeboard and arranging speakers?

Review process

The Review Group will consider all suggestions and contact you if your charity is shortlisted for selection. Please give us your contact details:

Name *(Please print):*

Email

Tel:

Please return your form by **31 July** to the 'C' pigeonhole in the Tower entrance or hand to Gill Caldwell.

Thanks so much for your help.

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