

## **Outreach Fund Ballywillan Presbyterian Church**

As we approach the end of 2023, the Outreach Committee is again overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation to meeting the needs of others.

In recent weeks we have been able to support a wide range of good causes, including locally the Samaritans, Simon Community, Friends of Willowbrook, The Salvation Army, Trinity House Residents' Support Fund, RNLI, Community Rescue Service, Multiple Sclerosis Society, The NI Kidney Patients' Association, BREAD Ministries, Armoy Christian Family Centre, Dementia NI, The Stauros Foundation, and overseas projects supported include the David Gordon Hospital, Malawi and Tansen Hospital, in Nepal, Oasis Ministries(India), BREAD (Kenya), Giving Hope to Turkey/Turkswork, work in Rwanda, Samaritan's Purse and the Wycliffe Bible Translators. As a congregation, we have direct or indirect links with most of these worthwhile causes, which makes our donations very personal.

Members generosity with harvest donations means c.£10000 will be available to support the excellent work of Christian Aid and Tearfund. The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal, co-ordinated by our GB, was again well supported, we make regular deliveries of food to Oasis and we look forward to seeing, once again, the generosity of the people of Ballywillan at our Christmas Tree service, which will support the local work of the Salvation Army.

We have given £16000 to United Appeal, again exceeding our target of honour. United Appeal aims to support the work of PCI at home and abroad. In addition, support has been given to PW projects at home and abroad.

On top of this, our very dynamic and hardworking eSwatini fundraising group has continued with its efforts and over £12,000 has been donated to this work. This includes supporting, as an official partnership, the congregation at Mpologeni, following the Kirk Session's decision to formalise the partnership.

A full list of contributions will be published in the church accounts

The Outreach Committee would welcome suggestions from the congregation on projects and good causes to be supported in 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and faithfulness.

*The Outreach Committee.*

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