

International Charities

Child Aid

Under Soviet rule it was common for parents to hand over their children to the State if the child was disabled (with a very wide and sometimes dubious definition) or if the parents were unable to care for their child due to poverty or addiction. This practice continues 20 years after the end of communism. The result is that the child is institutionalised - forgotten and abandoned. For those with any form of infirmity, and that can include even the mildest of behavioural or neurological conditions such as autism, they face the possibility of being classified as "incapacitated" or to quote one such orphan "the authorities think they are just worthless throw away people".

ChildAid is a small charity but for those social orphans we support we make a difference they would never have dreamt possible. Our is life changing, giving orphans a family again through our fostering programme - not international adoption as we desperately want Ukrainian children to grow up in the culture and society they were born into.

Terra Sancta Education Trust Established in 2007 by Dr. Jordan Lancaster to provide bursaries and other educational support to Christian children living in poverty throughout the Middle East. In promoting education, the trust also actively encourages interfaith dialogue and encounter between the children of the monotheistic faith traditions which share the Holy Land. The trust seeks to alleviate poverty by providing opportunities for work whenever possible for the families of children in need.

Irundu Vocational School Teachers' Salaries This was the charity we contributed to regularly but missed last year because of lack of information. It is used to pay the salaries of teachers In the Vocational School which is a private initiative of St. Matia Mulumba Parish. As a consequence of our withholding a grant last year, at the end of 2012 payment of teachers salaries were two months overdue.

National Charities

Church Action on Poverty Church Action on Poverty works alongside people to help them make their voices heard and transform their communities.

Housing Justice This is a Catholic charity which helps housing those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.

Trussell Trust The Trussell Trust foodbank network works in partnership with local churches and organisations to bring foodbanks to communities across the UK. There are now over 260 foodbanks in the network.

Local Charities

Circle Club A lunch club meeting in Compass House at Worth Abbey. The club takes up to 20 old people, mostly living alone, and allows them to meet others and have a good lunch.

Balcombe St. Mary's Refurbishment This is an ongoing refurbishment programme, with the bells having been repaired at a cost of £10,000, a repairs of the stained glass windows ongoing at £12,000, with a future £20-£30,000 to find for refurbishment of a neglected west side.

The Easter Team serves the homeless and those in need around the area of Crawley, in West Sussex in the United Kingdom. The Easter team is a totally voluntary organization, which provides Christian care for those who find themselves in Crisis. This support is provided regardless of race or beliefs. The Easter Team is supported by many Christian Churches from different denominations and free churches, as well as by local schools, and some local organizations. We work with other local agencies.

Open House Caring for the homeless in the Crawley area by providing hostel accommodation and helping rehabilitate clients to the world of normal housing and work..

St. Wilfrid's Chaplaincy £10,000 was requested by the headmaster of Saint Wilfrid's Catholic School to cover the cost of a full-time chaplain. The Crawley Deanery accepted responsibility for this donation for up to 3 years after which time it would be reviewed. On the basis of church attendance in the Deanery, Worth Abbey parish contribution comes to £1530 annually.