



# PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

## Cathedral's Outward Giving 2023-25

### Background

In the 2020 budget the Cathedral Chapter included an annual outward giving budget of £5,000 per annum for the years up to and including 2023.

The Charities granted £1,000 per annum a year over this three year period were:

- International 1: **Sunyani**. Continuing to express our support for this link.
- International 2: **Toilet Twinning**. Part of our Eco Church commitment
- Local 1: **Solent MIND**. Important local charity first supported by 2020.
- Local 2: **Stop Domestic Abuse (SDA)**. Important local charity first supported by 2020.
- Local 3: **Roberts Centre**. Continuing commitment to the work of this organisation

In future the Cathedral's Annual Accounts the Cathedral will now note gifts in kind that have not previously been registered. So, the support Chapter gives local organisations and charities through either free or reduced rates will now be transparent seen. Chapter "outward giving" through restraint of income to support other charities will be registered and seem publicly for the first time.

### Principles

Historically our giving as a Cathedral has been based on similar principles to our personal giving, namely:

- a. Our giving is a response to God's love for us.
- b. Our giving should be generous and joyful.
- c. Our giving should be based on good stewardship of all the earth's resources for the good of all.
- d. Our giving should be based on Jesus' mission to build the kingdom on earth and the common good.

### General Principles underpinning the Cathedral's Outward Giving

- a. In accordance with Christian principles, the Cathedral aims to tithe its pledged income including Gift Aid. The Cathedral cannot give away what are effectively restricted funds.
- b. The Cathedral's Outward Giving should be considered, strategic and engaged.
- c. National charities are generally well catered for, and the principle should be to support mainly international and local charities. National charities can be supported with special collections as need arises.
- d. The Cathedral aims to give larger, more impactful sums to fewer charities. The intention is to have a stronger relationship with these organisations and to give an annual sum for three years, after which it will be reviewed, with no guarantee of continued support. In some cases, it is appropriate to invite someone from those organisations to come and preach.
- e. In choosing organisations to support, priority should be given to those which are undertaking projects that support self-sustainability (teach a person to fish etc.).
- f. The Cathedral's Outward Giving is not simply financial but includes contributions to the foodbank, people's time and in making available Cathedral spaces for organizations' use at reduced rates.

### Outward giving: planned recipients for 2024-26

Chapter will consider it's Outward Giving on 22 November and would welcome comments or alternative proposals to the continued funding of the charities it currently supports including the addition of a local environmental charity. It is important to fund environmental organisations both local and international as we move toward Gold Eco Church status.

Please join Dean Anthony on Wednesday 8 November at 1.00pm to discuss this further or contact [dean@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk](mailto:dean@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk) by Monday 13 November.