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The Anchor

# All Saints Rebuild

*From the Fire to the Future*



Farewell to Rev Stephen. More inside on pages 6 and 7.

## **From The Editors.**

**We promised more detail from the Mudeford Arts Festival in this edition . We have kept our promise with photos scattered throughout the edition. It all seems so long ago now, but there are some great memories, including the wonderful weather. Songs of Praise is such a great way to finish off the weekend, but we did not include that as it was covered in the August edition. Instead we have concentrated on our fundraising and all the work in the bigger church tent, which attracts so many people, with drinks and homemade cakes. (Pages 23 and 35).**

**You have again provided variety in your articles, based on our theme of clothing. We will take any opportunity to mention anything connected with the west window image, which is serving us so well.**

**Please do not forget all the regular events and all the hard work moving towards next year and the completed building.**

**A special thanks to Rev Wendy for all her support during the summer. Any thing we organised, she appeared and it was much appreciated.**

**Theme for October: Continuing Education as in U3A, evening classes etc (past and present). Languages, sports, hobbies, art , learning Hebrew, Bible study? Perhaps an evening class led to a change of career for someone.**

**Deadline date 23rd September.**

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## Anchor September 2026

How else could we begin this issue's Foreword other than

### **Welcome back Kathy and Richard!**

It has been 3 months since we waved Kathy and Richard off on sabbatical, and now we get to welcome them back again. It has been a busy 3 months. But also, a very good 3 months, with several highlights including the Mudeford Arts Festival, the evening Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise at the RNLI, Mudeford, and all the ongoing life and events of parishes – weddings, baptisms and, always sadly, funerals.

We have continued with all our regular worship services, meetings and PCC's, and have cared for each through some difficult times along the way. We have done well, and I would like to thank everyone for all you have done and for checking in with how I was too. You are very much appreciated.

We will also, by the time this has gone to print, have said farewell to Revd Stephen Startup, a valued member of the ministry team, as he moves away to be nearer to family. We give thanks for his ministries over the years he has been with us and while he will be missed, we send him off with all blessings for this new season of his life. And of course, with full assurance that he will always be welcome to come back and see us. We do know that he will be coming back at least twice to continue with his Learning Hebrew sessions in October and November. As one of the group participants I can recommend it and hope there will be more offered in the future.

September also sees the return of our Wednesday evenings with Season 2 of The Chosen telling the story of Jesus and his disciples. We meet in the hall at St Lukes Burton for 8 weeks starting on the last Wednesday in September, the 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6.30 for tea/coffee and 7pm start. Do come and join us if you would like to.



Once again, our plants and trees are showing signs of early autumn heat and drought stress.

We hold in prayer all farmers and produce suppliers that are once again being impacted by this. I hope that you have all managed the heat okay this summer, and that your roots are still being nourished by the deep life- giving living waters of the Word and the Holy Spirit. One source at least that we can be sure will never run dry.

All blessings

*Revd Wendy*

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## Church Rebuilding – update

Last month we reported on the planned roof work for both the church and the hall. The church and hall roof have now been made watertight, just in time for the first rain for six weeks. The roof tiling work is scheduled to start on Tuesday 2nd September. Insulation material is currently being installed throughout the building which will help to make the church, in particular, warmer in winter.

Work is continuing to rebuild the east end and the build up for the bellcote. A new bell is being recast from the bell that used to hang above the west end hall entrance. The date on this bell was 1969. The bell is being recast to make it smaller and to fit into the original size of the bellcote. It will be rung using an electrical mechanism.



Work on the main hall is progressing satisfactorily and the old plaster has been removed ready for replastering in due course. The ceiling in the hall will be plain and not decorated as it was before.

The Vestry will retain the same cupboard space and there is hanging space for robes, altar frontals and other church and communion items. Mary has been to see the vestry and is satisfied that there is sufficient space for all the church necessities to be stored.



**Tony Eden**

### **Fundraising continues.**

The Mudeford Arts Weekend was very successful, in no small part to the wonderful images of the West Window, which seemed to catch the public's imagination. In all, the takings were £4000+, our best year, and money was collected through sales, cash donations and sum up payments, some of which went to the re-build campaign.

We are currently following up on relationships formed there, with reference to the future of our Church and Church Hall in March 2027 and beyond. We still have tote bags and water bottles for sale.

We are finding that walking around with these items leads to local interest and widens our campaign to others. Do consider buying one or other of these, or even both please.

Again, the festival produced a lot of interest in both our All Saints T Shirts and the Jigsaw, which was sourced by Rona and displayed in our tent.

Sue Rigden is negotiating the best price for further orders. If you have not indicated an interest and would like one, let us know.

Many of us attended the Avon Reach BBQ on Sunday 19th July, which again supported our re-build with a provisional sum of £600+. This is part of their yearly support to us as their Charity of The Year.

The Parish Picnic took place at Stanpit Village Green on Wednesday 12th August, when a small select group of us sheltered from the heat under a large tree. Rev Wendy was again present.

**John Ward** [jfaward@btinternet.com](mailto:jfaward@btinternet.com)



## **Farewell to Revd Stephen Startup**

We said farewell to Stephen at St John's Purewell on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August and presented him with a card and cheque. Stephen had been part of the worshipping team of All Saint's for 9 years and was a tremendous help to us during the last interregnum when Andrew and Anne Jablonski retired.

Not only did Stephen take the 8am services at All Saints but he also preached at Avon Reach once a month and also took services at Trafalgar Court and St Johns, Purewell. Stephen will be best remembered for his playing of the ukulele and his teachings on Hebrew.

His knowledge of the Bible was exceptional and if some interpretations were mis-understood, he would gently guide you to the truth, His sermons were always delivered from the heart, sometimes controversial, but always thought provoking. We will miss Stephen, but wish him well on his move to Romsey to be near his daughter.

**Chris Green**

## A Letter from Revd Stephen Startup

I was overwhelmed by the send-off from both the congregations of St Lukes and All Saints.

Thank you so much for your very generous gifts, which were much appreciated.

Also, your comments and feedback were so encouraging.

Hopefully, we can keep in touch and maybe I can come back to visit.

Thanks again.

With every blessing

**Stephen**

**Vikki at Forde Abbey in Somerset and Heather setting up the playdough at Little Stars.**

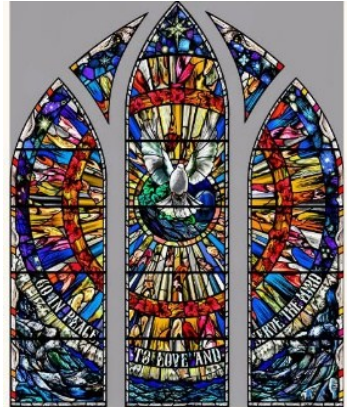


**Please send in your photos of our T shirts in different locations.**

# The Making of the T-Shirt

## For All Saints

I admit it happened by accident. Casting around for my real task which was producing a new Pop-Up banner for the Mudeford Arts Festival for the Fundraising Committee I wanted something fresh. The artist's drawing of what the new front of the church looked like which is currently on our website has been the subject of Pop-Up banners before. What could be new ?



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*FRESH VISION - BLENDING  
OLD AND NEW*

Looking through various photos, I came across the proposal for the new stained-glass window from an original idea of Sylvia Kent. It will make our new church look stunning. As a design my mind then started to think of new things....

Not only could it provide a background for the new Pop-Up banner but my mind began to run amok....

This has been the catalyst for the T-shirts, the jigsaw and the tote bag.

I was slightly amazed that the fundraising committee gave their support to my ideas and I very much appreciated their support. It has been something that not only the congregation, but the wider community embraced at the Mudeford Arts Festival.

Seeing many people trying to fit pieces in the 100 piece jigsaw was very entertaining and added to our funds.

I must thank everyone in the congregation who has embraced our T-Shirt – Don't forget your tote if you are not a T-Shirt person.

The Jigsaw is available and Sue is compiling a list of those who would like to have one. It is surprisingly challenging and will provide hours of using the little grey cells if you opt for the 1000 piece one.

What it proves, is that there is always room for new ideas to add to our Rebuild fund and that we can have fun doing it.

Many events mark the occasion with a T-Shirt and perhaps we can continue to wear ours on appropriate occasions.

Perhaps our 158<sup>th</sup> year might bring another T-Shirt to mark the occasion ?

**Rona Duncan**

**Tote bags for sale at £5.**

**Water Bottles at £10.**

**All proceeds to the**

**Re-build**

**Contact John and Hetty Ward or Sue Rigden.**



# Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union usually meets monthly at 3.30pm in the lounge of the Methodists' Church in Mudeford Lane, also weekly for prayers at 10am on the remaining Mondays. All meetings are open to anyone. If you are interested and would like to know more about this world-wide organisation, please speak to Mary Thomas or any of the members.

On Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 3.30pm, instead of the usual branch meeting, Valerie and John Young invited members from our whole Church community to a Tea Party in their garden. The weather, of course, was glorious! There was a raffle to raise money for the Mothers' Union Literacy and Development Fund. We were able to send a cheque for £250. Thank you to all who contributed.



Our next meeting is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm in the lounge at the Methodist Church. Valerie will be up-dating us with news of the Leprosy Mission.

Mary Sumner Day, founder of the Mothers' Union, is 9<sup>th</sup> August. This year, in recognition of the 150 years since its founding, the BBC devoted their 8.15am 'Morning Service' to the MU, with members from around the world contributing. Prior to that there was a segment in the 'Sunday' programme at 7.15am. It included an excellent description of what the MU is and does, both in this country and abroad. I hope some of you were able to hear one or both. The Anniversary was also celebrated in the August edition of the Anchor.

**Mary Thomas**

## Mainly Men

Mainly Men meetings will resume on 30<sup>th</sup> October when Valerie Young will tell us about

**The New Egyptian Museum and other tales of Egypt**



**NOTE:** There will not be a Mainly Men meeting in September.

## Clothes that bring back memories.



My mother loved knitting and made garments for all members of the family. However, eventually there were no more required. Wool had become more expensive and my mother needed to find another outlet for knitting.

I was told about a company called “knits.” They employed home workers to hand knit garments that were retailed to shops such as Harrods.

Over the years she knitted numerous garments, often only being provided with a sketch plus instructions. She got a lot of pleasure from opening each parcel as it arrived as she didn’t know what would be inside.

The company didn’t want any left-over wool/cotton/beads returned to them. So, after making a similar jumper to the one in the picture many times she had sufficient to make me this jumper.

I have had it now for about 40 years and I still treasure it as a reminder of my mum.



**Hetty Ward**

## The Bridesmaid's Dress

My bridesmaid dress, which I have treasured for many years, was made in 1945.

When I was seven years old, I was bridesmaid to my second eldest brother namely Ronald and his wife Beatrice. The other bridesmaid was from the bride's



family which was the norm at that time. Ronald was in his naval uniform and so handsome. Beatrice looked like a princess and everyone was happy.

Beatrice was a professional tailoress and so it was that she, despite rationing, managed to get the material she required to make two beautiful dresses fit for a princess. I loved the dress and somehow managed to look after it and protect it by hiding it away. She, Of course, made her own wedding dress.

Many, many years later I attended an evening class filled with the ambition



of making a China doll from scratch – amazingly, I succeed and this was just the right time to re-use the material which I had saved for so many years hidden away out of sight. Fortunately, Nancy Plushbeam was out of the hands of enquiring daughters by being well out of reach. Needless to

say, Nancy is admired by everyone as she is so very old and still as fresh as a daisy and, as for the 81-year-old material, it is perfectos.

**Barbara Perry-Taylor**

## **Clothing. (A Uniform).**

When I left school and went into local government, I never imagined wearing a uniform. Accountancy seemed a good fit as a job, but I became extremely bored. Fortunately, I met Hetty and her brother was a serving police officer with the Met in London. I decided to apply much to the surprise of my family and, I think, Hetty. In July 1964, I started a three-month residential training course at Hendon, but nothing prepared me for stepping out on the busy streets of Tottenham as a young police constable. I was one of two new recruits from Hendon at that time and we were well-looked after by our older colleagues. At least, they seemed older to me!! They were probably no more than 40.

I was very nervous but did walk the beat with a supervising Sergeant for a few weeks. I overheard a somewhat sarcastic comment from an older officer as follows: "at least he looks the part".

By working hard and volunteering for assignments or calls, I did gain respect and I had a very happy two years learning my trade. I also realised the opportunities a big organisation like the Met had to offer.

We did walk the beat, which were designated areas within the station boundaries. We stayed out until our one refreshment break, halfway through our eight-hour shift. We had to call in from a telephone in one of the police boxes scattered around. (Doctor Who!!) We had a police radio, which resembled a brick in size.

Within two years, we became more mechanised with the advent of police panda cars and motorcycles. This was good for a young keen copper, but I wonder if we started to lose contact with the public at that time.

Hetty had started teacher training in Weymouth, while my career was progressing and we would meet in Bournemouth on a Sunday. This was after I had finished night duty and travelled down by train. She finished her training and moved to London, and I managed to gain a transfer to Ealing, where we started married life in a police flat.

I wore a uniform at work for the next seven years. Part of my career from then on, involved surveillance work on the vice (prostitution) side of organised crime, which definitely did not involve a uniform. Most of the people we dealt with could “smell a copper miles away”. (their words, not mine).

When I reached “management status”, the pattern changed again. I would travel into central London in a suit and leave a uniform in the office to wear where appropriate. Hetty tells me that our sons rarely saw me in a uniform.

The photograph (attached) was taken at a ceremony at Hendon, where I received my long service medal from the Commissioner, Sir Kenneth

Newman. He was a small studious man and I towered over him. I had a lot of time for him, because he was a thoughtful, deep-thinking individual, who listened. I was fortunate to work with several Commissioners before I retired, and each did their best. Five years is too short to effect change in any large organisation, particularly when most of them are drafted in from different forces and do not understand the Met.



I benefitted from that work at HQ level because I made contacts which enabled me to move into a different career in the commercial world and adjust to a life without a uniform.

**John Ward**

## Clothes

Clothes define us. Ever since I was a small child looking through my aunt's tome of costumes through the ages I have been fascinated with what people wear. In previous centuries the difference between the social classes was well defined by their style of dress.

In my own life, my personal interest began when my aunt in Canada sent me a pair of dungarees with nursery rhyme pictures down the legs. My favourite aunt in Gloucestershire had a fantastic dressing-up box in her attic and my friend and I would dress up and try and go through the village to show her mum without the boys catching us! Years later I was able to enjoy many changes of costume when taking part in amateur dramatics.

My personal wardrobe is mainly made up of classic fashion which is timeless. I'm too old now really to keep buying new garments but as every season comes round I can't resist!



**Ensemble bought in Burano on a trip to Venice**

**Pauline Ruffhead**

## **Art Group**

The All Saints Church Art Group now gathers behind Stanpit Village Hall, in both the Maberley Room and the Harbour View Room above it, on the fourth Saturday of every month from 9.30-11.30am.

We have a concession from the Club opposite to park in their forecourt. We must vacate it before midday please and they ask that we park towards the front.

This group welcomes everyone with an interest in sketching and painting, from beginners to those with years of experience. Pictures for inspiration will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own photographs of any subject that interests them.

**The next meeting will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**The subjects are Still Life, Shells and Hands**

**In October we will be looking at Autumn Colours, Berries and Fungi.**

For more information please contact **Mary Thomas**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

The Thursday evening Bible study group meets at 7pm at 3 Minterne Road, where Judy and Tony Eden kindly welcome us to their home.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Mary Thomas**

Newcomers are always very welcome.

## Memories of AMDram

At first glance not a subject for me, a mere male! After all, my shirts and jumpers are gifts from Pauline or daughters. But hang on! I have done a bit of dressing up over the years! At the age of four as a member of the home guard defending the realm. A little later winning a prize in a fancy dress competition as “Dig for Victory”. Did help that my aunt was a judge?

My notable acting career (as a bit player) began as Sir Walter Blunt in a Shakespeare play at school with cardboard armour and painted string. My classmates called me Sir Walter Fat guts! This led on to a role as a Roman general being told to sit more delicately in my short skirt.

Much later the skirt reappeared! I worked in York at a college which really knew how to party -Anglican of course! My boss, an accomplished archaeologist, threw a party to celebrate an emperor associated with York: Septimus Severus, I think. Roman dress obligatory. No problem for my wife- just wrap her in a sheet as a toga! I was presented with a centurion outfit skirt armour and all.

No problem. Settled the kids and baby sitter. Ready to go! Oh dear forgot to take the dog for a walk. Off I trundled down the village street in full attire with dog on lead. Not good for my image as Parish Council Chairman! Further indignity! It was a frosty November night. My old car had clear plastic seat covers. When my short skirt contacted the seat, I hit the roof. Many years on being stabbed to death in a murder play for the New Forest Players four nights in a row, it seemed routine, although ruining a dinner jacket. Two chorus appearances followed for Christchurch Gilbert and Sullivan Society. In the first we had to quickly change from Roman to Georgian between scenes. A rush job since Regent Centre changing rooms are at the top of the building! Dressed in white as a sailor the next year was a doddle in HMS Pinnafore. Finally, I was always discouraged from wearing shorts. Banned I say. My daughters said that it was the only time I was patriotic! White legs, red blotches and blue veins!

This year with daughters far away I am defiant in the heat.

**Tony Ruffhead**

## **Clothes That Bring Back Memories**

This photo was taken in 1939.

The young girl (my auntie) was 13. My parents standing next to her are 33 and 26. Then my grandad aged 62. The next distant relative, I don't know her age but my paternal grandmother, at the end of the row, is only 60. This photo brings a happy and sad memory. I was married in December 1967.



My 18 year old sister, Pauline was my bridesmaid. Between us we made our dresses. Five months later she emigrated, and didn't even pay £10. Our brother already lived there and thus had to sponsor her and provide her with a home. She never returned until 2003 for our mother's 90th birthday.



I had always planned on going to Australia for a holiday, but it wasn't to be as my younger sister passed away in January six months earlier, before this photo was taken on June 10th 2023, my son asked if I would like travel by coach from Worthing to Birmingham to see Elton John in a farewell concert.

I remarked that if Elton was "still standing" I hoped that I would be too! The event was amazing, and I proudly wore the shirt.

**Lesley Wright**

**2027 is the ninth All Saints Calendar.** The first was produced for 2019, in both 'local' and 'drone' version. Finding original images for this ninth 2027 'Local' version was mind stretching – local Mudeford views with a difference and some images from slightly further afield. For Avon beach I chose two views – the first on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan during a storm and the second four months later on 24<sup>th</sup> May during the first heatwave. Difficult to believe it is the same beach!



In some ways the drone images were easier – catching local scenes in different lights and with slightly different viewpoints – the flooded Avon through Christchurch was taken from above the Waitrose car park! However, it also gave me the opportunity to include two local famous but less visited local tourist destinations. The first is Knowlton Henge and Church – 3 miles West of Verwood. The Henge was built 4000 years ago and is surrounded by sites of burial mound tombs and further evidence of Bronze age occupation. The Saxon church was built 3000 years later to serve a long gone village by the River Allen which flows down through Wimborne to the Stour. The massive Badbury rings , just a mile west of Kingston Lacey house was built around 800 BCE as a defensive settlement fortification. It is almost 1Km from one side to the other (3Km to walk round the outside). If you look carefully at the image you can see two



minute walkers in the foreground on the outer ring – it shows the scale. It was a massive construction by hand by the iron age community..

**The calendars are £8 for the larger A4 versions and £6 for the smaller A5 ones. They will be on sale over the next few month- early for those who say they send them to relatives before the recipients buy their own!**

## Holme Gardens

After a visit this week to Poole we decided to have lunch and an afternoon at our favourite gardens - Holme Gardens, on the Lulworth road just 2.5 miles West of Wareham. It is a garden centre with restaurant and with a reasonable charge.



One can tour the gardens. This is just some of the delightful large area of outside restaurant seating around the pond full of Koi Carp - very popular! There is always a good choice on the menu!



After lunch we decided to pay to go round the beautiful flower gardens - always colourful from spring to autumn. There are various extra garden sections including another pond, woodland and an orchard with a colourful wild flower meadow - see photo with Ann and Harvey.

We love the central area with standing stones surrounded by a variety of colourful heathers.



Normally a great favourite for flower pictures, this time they had installed metal sculptures which I had to capture - these are my two favourites the owl and the giant lizard.

If you have never been to Holme I recommend you try - you will enjoy the

experience - just look up Holme Gardens on Google or Google maps.

**Paul Smith**

Fond memories of Mudeford Arts Festival 2026.



## I'm not common.

I'm such a fashionista.

I just can't resist

Cashmere.

I'm upmarket you see.

I search out Alpaca,

how fashionable is that?

Angora does it for me too.

I'm so cool,

everyone knows

I only go

for the expensive stuff.

I dine at the best,

no hole in the corner

where no one notices,

right in the middle

up front and visible

I leave my mark.

'Cos I'm not ordinary you see,

I'm extraordinary.

Real class,

Lepidoptera if you don't mind.

Please don't call me....

A Common Moth.



**David Williams**

## My Best Friend

In an unbecoming shade of khaki,  
not much to look at, shaped like a bucket,  
if you found it in your garden you'd  
probably waste no time to chuck it.

It looks very unpromising but  
has qualities beyond its price.  
On the outside it is waterproof  
on the inside, cosy and nice



I've worn it more times than I'm able to count;  
in the rain and the wind, it's my go-to hat.  
It helps to keep hoods over my head  
and in a suitcase, packs up flat.

Several times I thought I'd lost it.  
Felt a pang of sorrow I couldn't defend.  
After all, it's just an accessory.

Maybe to you, but to me, my best friend.

**Jill Barr**

## Teaching can be fun!

This is most definitely not the clothing I had in mind when I suggested this theme. However, as I browsed through old albums to find photographs of our son as a child to be displayed at his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party I came across this rather ridiculous photograph, taken when I was in my forties!

There is always a slight frisson of excitement on mufti days but imagine what it is like when some of your teachers file in to morning assembly wearing your school uniform!

I taught at an independent girls' school for over twenty years. I felt blessed to be there as it was a very friendly, caring school with a strong Christian ethos. Good behaviour was expected and there was mutual respect between staff and pupils.

I had borrowed 'my' uniform from a girl in Upper 5 (year 11) and drove to school wearing it. What I remember most was the surreal experience of teaching a lesson dressed like a pupil and, after some initial hilarity, the class just carrying on as normal. Perhaps I always looked a bit odd!



We held a talent contest once a year when the girls would form groups to sing and dance, representing their houses. We had a young and energetic head of house (staff were also allocated to a house) and one year she decided that we would entertain the girls. I really cannot remember what our performance was but we enjoyed creating daft costumes and the girls enjoyed laughing at us.....I'm the one in the middle.



The third image is from May Day 1992. The school had previously refused to recognise the May Day Bank Holiday as we had a small number of boarders. However, this did not please most of the parents so this year we had a May Fayre as a compromise. Everyone was encouraged to come in medieval costume. In subsequent years we had the day off like everyone else. Of course, in between the fun there was a great deal of hard work.



**Vikki Miller**



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## Mission Pot: Mission in Burkina Faso

Jeremy is attending the Association Gamaliel annual conference in Burkina Faso as you can see on the poster. This is the association that was created in 2023 to continue the ministry of after-school Bible clubs that Jeremy started back in 2002. The children study 10 lessons from the Explorers Club. This develops reading and comprehension skills but also shares the gospel from creation through to the fact that they are individually loved by God, and onto the ministry of Jesus and his death for them on the cross.



At the end of the course, we hold award ceremonies where each child receives a certificate and piece of Christian literature and those who have studied well get a T shirt and one person receives a New Testament, this year a beautifully illustrated book called the Junior Bible (see photo).

Although a secular state, the Lord has opened this door for ministry in Burkina Faso because it has such a beneficial effect on children's reading and behaviour and improved academic results.



Those that come to faith are encouraged to join a local church. We are organized into 9 regions, each supervised by a regional coordinator who is responsible for communication between the national executive committee and all the centres in his region. He assures the smooth running of the course locally, including the distribution of lessons. The committee at each centre assures each individual teacher has all he or she needs for their club. We had clubs running in nearly 1000 schools last year.

An associated but differently funded ministry is to help children with school fees. Primary school is basically free but secondary school has to be paid for. We help a couple of hundred children each year by subsidizing their school fees.

**Jeremy Nash**

### **An acknowledgement from St Francis Zambia of some of our Mission Pot raised last year.**

Dear Reverend/Priest,

RE: \*CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF DONATION – ENDING CHILD MARRIAGES PROJECT\*

Greetings from St Francis Anglican Church, Katete Parish.

On behalf of St Francis Anglican Church, I wish to sincerely confirm that we received the generous donation from All Saints Church, Mudeford, amounting to £200 (Two Hundred UK Pounds) in support of our Ending Child Marriages Project.

The donation was successfully credited to our Church Bank Account and the amount received was K11,718.75 (Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen Kwacha Seventy-Five Ngwee).

We are deeply grateful to you, the Priest and the entire All Saints Church, Mudeford for your generosity and support towards this

important ministry. Your contribution will help us in our efforts to prevent child marriages and protect the future and dignity of children in our community.

Please convey our heartfelt appreciation to the whole congregation. We assure you that the funds will be put to the intended purpose of supporting the Ending Child Marriages Project.

May God richly bless you and the entire All Saints Church for your kindness, partnership and commitment to this worthy cause.

Yours faithfully,

Diffat Banda,

(Email address: [diffat87@gmail.com](mailto:diffat87@gmail.com))

\*Church Warden\*

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### **Our Missionary Partners.**

You will remember meeting Chris, Veronica and the children in July, both at our service at Stanpit Village Hall or at Mudeford Green. I offered to keep in touch with them on behalf of The Anchor as they continued their tour of the UK.

Chris has now been in touch with me via Whats App and the family are safely back in Spain. Chris stayed on for a few days and decided to be involved in “avengers of the streets.” Chris says: “It is something that God put on my heart at the beginning of our trip to England. He spent two days on the streets of Reading and Kingston using a large piece of cardboard on

which he painted in black and white the words, “God, good or bad, what do you think?”

Chris continues: “I just engaged with people about God and people’s opinions. I had both hostile and friendly receptions. I was giving a space to young people and the reactions were amazing! Some walked by with thumbs down, but I engaged enthusiastically with a lot of people.”



“There was a Muslim family, a father and his kids and parents, who we spoke to for 20-25 minutes. I was able to share the gospel with this wonderful man.” In Reading, he exchanged details with a Muslim man From Pakistan and sent him a five-minute summary from the Jesus movie and the gospel message.

He also encountered a sceptic atheist, and they really examined the question of who Jesus is. Chris recommended two things:

1. The case of Christ. A Movie and Book.
2. A book called Evidence That Demands A Verdict by Josh Maddow, which looks at the historical claims of Christianity and the evidence to support it.

Chris finishes off as follows:

“I could go on and on about different people so many different conversations including with the young .Thank you so much for your prayers and for myself and the kids send big hugs from beautiful Spain, thank you, God bless.”

**John Ward.** (I have kept an audio record of the what's app message from Chris. Let me know if you want to hear it)

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## **Our Vision for Mission:**

This Parish seeks to be inclusive in extending God's kingdom, by encouraging the whole community to grow in the Christian faith through prayer and worship, and to care for others through pastoral and practical support.

**2026/2027.**

**Our aim is to fund the completion of the re-build improvements, and the re- establishment of the church and centre for the activities of All Saints, as we seek to serve the community and needs of others.**

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## All Saints Services

**Mudford, Christchurch, BH23 3HS**

**Sunday: 10am at either Stanpit Village Hall or St Luke's, Burton.**

**Wednesday: 10am at St John's, Purewell.**

**First Sunday in the month Church In the Round, an informal service at 5-30pm at High Cross Church, Somerford.**

**4-30pm in the winter.**

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