

Mission Sub-Committee of Grove PCC May 2025 Meeting

Mission Sub-Committee meeting on Thursday 08 May 2025.

Present (alphabetically): Johanna Fadipe, Margaret Harris, Helen Harwood, and Barbara Talmage

The Mission Sub-Committee makes the following recommendations to St John the Baptist Parish Church, Grove, for the expenditure of £9,550.

£5,000 International and National Charities/ Organisations

£4, 550 Local Charities/ Organisations (of which the church had already assigned £2,500 for Cornerstone and £1,000 Street Pastors)

	Project	Amount
Global Initiatives	CMS Mission Partners: Mario Ciechanovicz and Neomi Celeti: We propose to continue to support these mission partners as a Brazilian family working and serving God in Brazil. https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/marcio-ciechanovicz-and-noemi-celeti-brazil/	£1000
	Embrace the Middle East: "As a Christian development charity, we partner with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – we, with our partners, respond. Our goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region." https://embraceme.org/	£1000
	Viva: Viva inspires, equips and connects networks of churches and community-based organisations to work together to make a bigger, better and longer-lasting impact in the lives of children. https://www.viva.org/	£750
	The Bible Society: The British and Foreign Bible Society, often known in England and Wales as simply the Bible Society, is a non-denominational Christian Bible society with charity status whose purpose is to make the Bible available throughout the world. https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/	£750
National Initiatives	The Clewer Initiative: Church of England human trafficking initiative. As before, Grove is an area particularly affected by County Lines as an area on the borders of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Wiltshire, with the M4 services being locations where trafficked young people are found. The work of Clewer Initiative is an opportunity to engage in these issues. https://theclewerinitiative.org/	£750
	The Trussell Trust: We recognise that Food Poverty is a systemic issue, we will support Wantage & Grove Foodbank via practical contributions and support Trussell Trust in their work advocating against the root causes. https://www.trussell.org.uk/	£750

Local Initiatives	Cornerstone Bookshop, Grove: is one of the few spaces for people are lonely within Grove and this welcoming Christian presence in Grove is one that we wish to continue to support and we value as part of our community. https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/cornerstonegrove	£2,500
	Wantage and Grove Street Pastors: If you would like to know more, please contact the organisation for more information on how to get involved with Wantage & Grove Street Pastors. https://streetpastors.org/locations/wantageandgrove/	£1,000
	Prayer Space: Creating space in schools where pupils can pause to reflect or pray. https://prayerspacesinschools.com/	£500
	Sweatbox Youth Centre Wantage: Young people in Wantage and Grove have limited outlets for access to services outside of school and Sweatbox is one of the few spaces in our community for young people. Wantage Parish is trying to engage with Sweatbox to support well-being and youth mental health. https://sweatboxwantage.org/	£300
	Little People: A local organisation that offers help and support to families who are struggling with the cost of living. https://www.wantagecatholicparish.org/copy-of-prayer-group-1	£250
Beyond our Missional Giving	Christian Aid's Emergency Fund: a fund which has a specific focus on the ongoing humanitarian situations across the world. https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies	Special offerings, start and end of Christian Aid Week
	Wantage & Grove Foodbank: a vital resource for people in our community who are experiencing food poverty. We want to build this relationship and actively support them throughout the year by highlighting the Foodbank the second Sunday of each month. https://www.wantageandgrovefoodbank.org.uk/	Take monthly collections of 2 nd Sunday/ month
	Little People: as above, an organisation providing support to families in need, will continue to be our main Christmas charity and also look to opportunities to support as needs arise throughout the year.	Our key Christmas Charity