

## INTERCESSIONS LIST FOR OUR COMMITTED GIVING RECIPIENTS

*Whilst we encourage prayers for our recipients on a continuing basis, each month of the year in our worship, our prayers are focussed on one specific concern.*

### January: Alzheimer's Society

Alzheimer's disease will affect as many as 1 in 3 of us in our lifetime, and takes a terrible toll on both sufferers and their families. Our money goes to our local branch, which provides a day centre, and extends care into the community to both sufferers and their carers.

*Pray for all those affected by dementia, and for their families and their carers.*

### February : Barnabas Fund

Supports Christians in countries where they are in the minority, and who suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith. Their homes may be seized or burned so they become homeless, vulnerable and despised. Their situation is especially acute in Pakistan, India, northern Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Afghanistan and Myanmar.

*Pray for all those who are persecuted for standing up for their faith, and for those who have lost their homes and now live in squalid conditions.*

### March: Children's Society

Fights childhood poverty, harm and neglect through a network of programmes including mending broken family relationships, drop-in services for runaways, children's centres, and support for young carers and children who are refugees from violence.

*Pray for the counsellors, house parents, volunteer workers and for the children and their families.*

### April: Christian Aid

Works globally with and through partners: churches, ecumenical bodies, local NGOs and movements, to provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes. For instance, it gives seeds and farm animals that will not only provide immediate food but will also multiply and so continue to give food in the future. It helps to re-build lives through community projects, and promotes human rights where peasant farmers have been displaced.

*Pray for the many under privileged people it helps and for its field workers and partners.*

### May: Church Mission Society

Is committed to evangelistic mission in over 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East, resourcing leaders to serve others and transform communities, for instance, in the slums of Delhi, with the disabled in Ecuador, with vulnerable youths in Thailand, amongst street children in the Congo.

*Pray for all CMS missionaries in their calling and all those whom they help.*

### June: Diocesan Episcopal Area Zimbabwe Link

The Croydon Episcopal Area is linked to the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, and our parish linked with St Luke's, Kwekwe, led by the Revd Tapiwa Sherewa. Our money has contributed to a farm where the pig project is now in profit, the vegetable garden is fully irrigated and enough beef is produced to meet the needs of the school; to painting and re-tiling the Diocesan Offices and to the roofing of new rural rectories *Pray for Bishop Ishmael and his clergy, especially Tapiwa and the people of*

*St Luke's Kwekwe, as they manage their lives and communities and faithfully serve God in difficult situations.*

**July: SurreySave**

SurreySave is a credit union which provides fair and affordable financial services in the Surrey and Kingston area. They especially target the financially excluded, and those who cannot access high street lending. They help people by offering affordable loans and fair lending decisions. In particular, they offer instant (i.e. payday) loans at fair and affordable rates.

*Pray for those families who are under stress because of money issues, and for the work of credit unions worldwide and their role in helping the financially marginalised.*

**August: Leprosy Mission**

Provides early diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, education, vocational training and housing for leprosy sufferers, giving them independence, security and dignity. There are three million leprosy affected people worldwide, each of whom faces a triple blow of disease, disability and discrimination.

*Pray for all leprosy victims, for the understanding and concern of their neighbours, and for their successful re-integration into society.*

**September: Manna Centre**

A Day Centre near London Bridge Station which helps 150-200 people each day. Two thirds of these are homeless, the remainder are lonely and poor flat dwellers. Over 900 meals and 300 mugs of soup and stew are served each week, and for many people it is their only meal of the day. Showers and advice on welfare and housing are also provided.

*Pray for those who are homeless or in poor housing in our big cities, and for the volunteer workers who help them.*

**October: Oxted One World Group**

A local group that provides one-off grants to support small projects in Asia, Africa and South America. Every penny it receives is sent to one of these projects. Our money goes to FOCI - the Foundation for Orphan Care Initiative for AIDS orphans in a small district of Uganda. Last year it trained adolescents in life skills, health maintenance and logical decision making; provided 50 laying hens to small groups so that eggs may be sold to sustain livelihoods; and provided 7 goats and 5 pigs to increase the savings of the group within a local credit scheme.

*Pray for HIV-AIDS victims and for all those whom the projects helps, and that all we who live locally may be generous givers.*

**November: Us (formerly USPG)**

Is a Christian charity working in partnership with local Anglican churches around the world. Together, they work with local communities to improve health, put children in school, tackle discrimination, give a voice to women, and much more. It was formerly known as USPG, but decided to change its name because it dated from the eighteenth century. It is now the United Society, known as *Us*.

*Pray for Us missionaries and for the success of its local projects, and for people of other faiths and cultures amongst whom it works.*

**December: Brigitte Trust**

The Brigitte Trust offers a free service of emotional support and practical help to people who have life-threatening illnesses or are near the end of life to enable them to stay in their own home for as

long as practical or desirable. They also provide bereavement support. The trust operates in most of Surrey, including Tandridge.

*Pray for those with life-threatening illnesses, their families, and those providing support to their families.*