

Blessings Fund Report for 2022 APCM – 2021 Blessings Giving

As church, we want to be generous and outward looking – giving back thankfully to God by supporting different good causes at international, national and local levels. We give 10% of church income (regular giving, plate collections and one-off donations). All gifts are agreed by the PCC.

In 2021, we gave the following:

£3000 to the Overseas Mission Fund (OMF) to support Vatha Theobald in her important work as Under 30s Mobiliser for the East of England.

£100 to the Kagera Lent Appeal for our twin diocese in Tanzania.

£50 to Soul Survivor and **£25** to J John's Easter resources – we gave these two gifts as thanks to these organisations; they produced and shared lots of lockdown resources that we used for our online church provision (during Covid lockdowns).

£100 to support the wonderful Bury St Edmunds Rickshaw initiative

Further to this, two gifts of **£500 each** have been given (this year, but as part of 2021's Blessing Fund) to BCY (Bury Christian Youth) and Bury Drop In.

Christ Church Moreton Hall has been very active in supporting the Storehouse food bank this past year, when help has been needed more than ever before. Thank you to everyone for practical gifts and direct financial donations – West Suffolk Vineyard Church are delighted to be able to partner with us in this way.

It was also a privilege to join with other local churches in supporting Christian Aid week back in May, and to once again support Operation Christmas Child by collecting shoeboxes in November.

Thank you all so much for your generosity – it is a great delight to be part of a church that cares about others in need.