



## St. Mary's Princes Risborough CHARITABLE GIVING – 2020

*“Sharing the Love of Christ with all”*

For many years St. Mary's Church has given 20% of its annual income to nominated charities. We want to reflect God's generous nature and express our gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Three charities receive 'major'\* awards for 3 years and six charities will receive 'minor'\*\* awards for 1 year. Deciding how to award sums of this size is an annual matter for prayer and consideration by the congregation and PCC. This process culminates in a PCC vote at the September PCC meeting. In preparation, a shortlist of both Christian and secular charities is drawn up, using the following criteria:-

- A mixture of local, national and international charities.
- Emphasis on charities where we have a personal contact or link e.g., FOCUS.
- Emphasis on charities which have limited sources of funds e.g., ROPE.
- Avoidance of duplication of charities serving similar needs.
- Mainly smaller charities rather than large national organisations.
- Biased towards, but not exclusively, Missionary Charities.
- Omission of some charities which we support in other ways (e.g. we allocate funds to Lighthouse)

So as to strengthen links between the charities concerned and the Church, the nominations list is built from charities which have contacts with our Church family. This allows us to direct our giving to projects which have backing within the congregation. The aim is to increase our support (including prayer support) throughout the year for charities receiving awards, as well as sending financial support once a year.

Please give some thought as to appropriate nominations to be considered for the shortlist for 2020. Could you act as a “champion” or link for a particular charity?

\* Current Major Grants :- 1.CMS-Uganda, Nicci Maxwell(2019) 2. The Children's Society(2018

\*\* Current Minor Grants :- 1.Christian Aid 2. Hamlin Fistula UK 3. Helen & Douglas House 4. London City Mission 5.Mercy Ships 6. ROPE 7. The Princes Trust



## APPLICATION FOR A CHARITY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT IN 2020

Name of Charity

Registration No.

Website Address

Brief Outline of charity's work

Connections (if any) with St. Mary's

Charity's Gross Income £

Charity's Expenditure £

Are you prepared to be the local 'Champion' for this charity?

Yes / No

Comments in support of the application

Name (Print):

Tel:

Signed:

Date:

**Please return this form to Kaye Lillycrop by 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

If you prefer you can email the application form to

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