

St. Andrew's Corbridge.

Charities sub-committee

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Recommendations to the PCC Jan 2014 – re drafted following discussion at the PCC Meeting

1. POLICY

- a. that the PCC at its meeting in January decide on an amount of money equivalent to a percentage of its pledged income which will be given charity in that year .
- b. that collections or part-collections made at specific service are to be included in that % figure. eg Remembrance Sunday; Festival Eucharist; Carol Service etc
- c. that monies collected to meet disasters & emergencies ie. 'Bucket Collections', should not be so included.
- d. donations made to charities at funerals should not be included.
- e. that specific events held in church and organised for specific charitable purposes should not be included, eg. Syrian child refugee's day in Jan 14.
- f. that specific events organised in the Church Cottage or elsewhere under the auspices of St. Andrew's for specific charitable purposes should not be included. eg. Lent Lunches
- g. that specific projects supported by the parish should be included. eg training Aniceto as a doctor in Mozambique. These to be formally supported by the PCC and designated by them as part of the 10%.

2. DECIDING WHICH CHARITIES TO SUPPORT

- a. the congregation would be invited to suggest Christian-base charities under three general headings:-
 - i. Overseas Mission
 - ii. Local Community charities
 - iii. Relief and Development charities home and abroad
- b. this consultation to be done in the early spring and suggestions to be accompanied by information, leaflets etc. about the charity suggested; and the reasons for suggesting it.
- c. The Charities sub-committee would collate the suggestions and make recommendations of support to the PCC whose final decision it would be.
- d. the Charities sub-committee would undertake to provide display materials and information about the charities which we supported and ,if appropriate, there would be an opportunity made for the charities to contribute to our worship.

3. BRINGING THE PROCESS UP TO DATE

- a. we have been unable to fulfil our wish to give as much as we would have liked to charities in the past 2 years. This is most unfortunate and it is hoped that with a new, clear policy in place it will not happen in the future.
- b. using the policy outlined above for 2013 monies , we have £3295 left to allocate to charities for 2013, as we have already made donations to : WWDofP; Christian Aid; Aniceto; Musicians Benevolent Fund; RBL; Operation Christmas Child; and Tom Collins; and we expect to donate more to Aniceto and the proceeds of the Carol Service.
- c. We suggest that the £3295 be divided equally between the following charities : Tear Fund; The Newcastle Diocese's Botswana Link; Corbridge Youth Initiative and Tyndale Hospice at Home.

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