

ST MARY'S CRITERIA FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

As approved by the Rector and the PCC, September 2001

The criteria for the Church's giving should reflect St Mary's Mission Statement, which is based upon the biblical principles outlined in the Book of ACTS. Therefore it is appropriate that we should consider charitable giving by St Mary's in the following light:-

Criteria

1. We should actively look to **support the needs of Christian missionaries and organisations** in their work.
2. We should seek and hope to find that an outcome of their activities is the **spreading of the Gospel of Christ**.
3. We will look to **develop personal relationships** with the recipients and therefore receive regular feedback in the form of newsletters, photographs, personal updates and when possible, visits to St Mary's.
4. We would expect to develop **prayer partnerships** with the recipients and regularly receive their prayer requests for members of St Mary's to pray about.
5. We hope that, as and when appropriate, opportunities for visits, **practical support and involvement** by members of St Mary's would be encouraged, thus creating relationships at all levels.
6. We will aim to strike a balance between giving support **at home and abroad**.
7. We will be supporting **a few Christian missionaries and organisations well**, rather than spreading our giving too thinly.