

ST MARY THE VIRGIN RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN

OUTREACH REPORT - FOR ST. MARY'S APCM 2017

It was decided not to have our usual charity nominations for 2016/17 as there were lots of other things going on in the church. However, there was a musical event which coincided with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, where money was raised for the Royal Society of Church Music.

There was also a collection for Poverty & Hope, as happens each year. We will continue to support this excellent charity as part of our annual outreach.

Our sponsorship of a Kenyan girl through SKET continues. The money pays for her education up to the end of secondary schooling. The Sunday school's "circle of pennies" is used to help with the sponsorship. You will find updates on the young girl we support pinned on the notice board at the back of the church at various times during the year.

We have resumed the nomination of three charities to support for the year 2017/18. The three nominated and voted for by members of the congregation are:

1. Kent/Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance - Relies on donations to keep it going
2. Porchlight - Kent's leading homeless charity providing support with housing, education, employment, mental health and wellbeing.
3. Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service - Professional, caring and confidential counselling for all faiths by qualified and experienced therapists; tailored to individual needs, long term or short term.

As in previous years, on the occasion of each collection a representative from the selected charity will be invited to our 9.30am church service to talk to us about their organisation.

Ronnie Todd

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