

2020 Christmas Appeal

Restrictions on our normal Christmas social event meant that we were not able to meet up this year as is our usual tradition. The Social Committee decided to simply call on people's generosity and invite them to make a donation to the St Peter and Good Shepherd Christmas Appeal. The aim was to raise funds for the local Salvation Army, initially £500, which would allow gifts to be provided to those who were needy, and to provide food and companionship during the Christmas Period.

Whilst there are many worthy local charities doing this type of work, the Salvation Army were chosen not only because of the work they do but also because of its international nature, especially as the Parish had also been blessed with international visitors who, as 'virtual parishioners', had joined us to listen to Mass online.

Funds were raised through a combination of Gift Aid and by direct financial contributions, and an amazing **£1621.26** was raised. This was the largest amount ever raised by the Parish for a single Appeal. An initial cheque was passed by hand to the Salvation Army just before Christmas, in a socially distanced way, and additional cheques followed for smaller amounts to make up the overall total. Pictured below are (L to R) Jon Rouffet of the Salvation Army Father Geoff, and Tony Boobier.)



In their letter to us, (copy below) Salvation Army say '**Your generosity has overwhelmed us all and will be greatly appreciated by those who receive extra help at this time**'.

Overall, this was an amazing example of generosity by our Parishioners. The Social Committee (which includes Father Geoff) extend their heartfelt thanks.

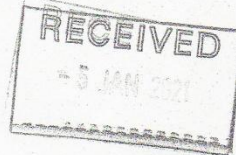


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Dear Friends

RE: Donations

I would like to say thank you all for your very generous donations for our Christmas Appeal.
We have been extremely busy over the last few months and made even busier due to the Coronavirus outbreak.
Your generosity has overwhelmed us all and will be greatly appreciated by those who will receive extra help at this time.
We especially would like to acknowledge the cheque for £1,451.26 from the parish of St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd in Harrietsham.
Please find enclosed receipts for those who have donated to us.
I would like to say thank you once again and hope that you stay safe and well.

God Bless,

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Munn
Administrator