

## **ST WILLIAM OF YORK, SHEFFIELD**

### **Charitable Giving Guidelines**

#### **Covenant with the Poor\***

##### **St William's parish will:**

1. Make an annual financial commitment of 5% of parish offertory income to be distributed to charitable organisations or initiatives:
  - which address local financial needs
  - to which parishioners give their time as volunteers
  - proposed by the Hallam Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

The specific organisations and initiatives to be supported will be determined at an annual parish Covenant meeting.

2. Facilitate monthly, or annual, cash collections from parishioners for specific charities as agreed at the annual parish Covenant meeting
3. Encourage parishioners to donate gifts in kind eg food for food banks; items for Christmas gifts; clothing for the homeless
4. Encourage parishioners to volunteer for local community projects
5. Maintain links with key local and national organisations supporting the poor
6. Support CAFOD Lent and Harvest Fast Days and other CAFOD appeals made in partnership with the Disasters Emergency Committee

#### **Second collections**

St William's will organise second collections for:

- Diocesan collections, including those for visiting missionaries authorized by the Diocese to make an appeal. There are usually about 20 such collections each year
- in exceptional circumstances, other requests for second collections will be considered by the Finance Committee

#### **Grants to other organisations and individuals**

Grants to other organisations and individuals are at the discretion of the Finance Committee and the Parish Priest.

\* For St William's, this means those who are financially poor.