

## **What do they do?**

### **Sheffield City of Sanctuary Welcome Centre £1,000**

a bright, vibrant place where asylum seekers and refugees can come for information, advice and support, somewhere people feel safe, an open door through which new arrivals can come to chat, use a computer, have a cup of tea, read the paper, or simply sit and keep warm. Asylum seekers and refugees are the primary beneficiaries, especially those who are destitute. Support agencies have a central place for confidential consultations, with comfortable waiting area. Service providers and support organisations will know there is a single place to refer people needing help.

### **Friends of the Holy Land £1,000**

seeks to raise awareness of the challenges facing Christians in the Holy Land; by generating financial resources through fund raising, sale of olive wood products, vocational training courses for young people to provide them with a sustainable future, providing financial assistance for families in difficulties through the FHL Family Support Fund, assist with school fees to enable Christian children to attend Christian schools, support St Martha's House day care centre for elderly ladies with no families or income, housing projects and renovations.

### **St Wilfrid's Centre £1,000**

is committed to creating a caring community based on Christian values where homeless and vulnerable people can find understanding, practical assistance, a sense of belonging and the support to regain their self-esteem. In providing welfare and educational opportunities, we hope to help people overcome barriers of social exclusion and provide them with the opportunity to improve their quality of life.'

### **Snowdrop Project £500**

A Sheffield-based charity, 'which exists to empower survivors of human trafficking to live lives that are no longer defined by their past'. The founder was a social worker who was working in safe housing for trafficked people but was acutely aware how, although essential, the period of 45 days is not enough for survivors. They often remain vulnerable in many ways. 'Snowdrop' provides long term support from befriending, counselling, providing tailored individual support, interpreting, English classes.....renovating houses....training volunteers in various areas...

### **Aid to the Church in Need £500**

funds projects in more than 140 countries around world, helping to support the Church in its mission, and bringing hope and solidarity to millions of people. From priests to catechists and seminarians to Sisters, you enable us to help persecuted and suffering Christians live out their faith. By helping these key Church leaders, you are actually reaching out to many more of our brothers and sisters – millions in fact, as the projects that we support have the specific aim of providing pastoral and spiritual support to Christians in parishes and communities all over the world. Often they witness to Christ in the face of persecution, oppression or poverty. In their hour of need it is the hope of Christ that sustains them – as well as your prayers and solidarity.

### **Pax Christi £300**

works to encourage a world where human rights are respected and basic needs are met. Its main focus is on prayer and action to promote reconciliation in conflict situations and to establish peace based on justice. It also challenges us to think critically about the arms trade and issues. Info - [paxchristi.org.uk](http://paxchristi.org.uk)

### **The Soup Run £600**

provides a valued resource to those who are experiencing difficulties in their life. Often, the people joining us, have not eaten all day and the food we provide is their only meal. Many, have little or no money to buy food, sleep rough, are in hostels or temporary accommodation, so have no way to cook for themselves. We are thanked on many occasions for being there, not only for the nourishment we provide for the body but also for the spiritual sustenance we offer in terms of prayer and moral support. It is another opportunity for the community of St Williams to do as scripture says; Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

### **Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care (SCCCC) £300**

A local ecumenical charity set up over 45 years ago by members of churches from different denominations across Sheffield which works mainly with elderly people and includes a HOME from HOSPITAL SERVICE, & a Voluntary Visiting Scheme. The type of help offered is varied but always targeted. A dedicated team of volunteers and staff are the backbone of this valuable work. In many cases, this ensures that older people are able to leave hospital sooner. Volunteers very often play a significant role in helping older people who may have nobody else to turn to for practical or friendly support. St William's donation will be earmarked for poverty related needs.

### **StopGap £25 (membership)**

started in 2010 in response to the need for emergency accommodation for homeless people in Sheffield during the coldest months of the year. We pay for the bed and breakfast accommodation for rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping. In the last year, we provided 599 bed nights of accommodation to 318 homeless and vulnerable people. We, on the St Williams Soup Kitchen, refer people to this facility; it is very worthwhile.

### **Church Action on Poverty (CAP) £25 (membership)**

Church Action on Poverty is a national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, committed to tackling poverty in the UK. We work in partnership with churches and with people in poverty themselves to find solutions to poverty, locally, nationally and globally. It is a national campaigning body but also runs grassroots projects in local communities.

### **ASSIST supported by a monthly 1st Sunday of the month retiring collection**

supports around 100 destitute asylum seekers with weekly cash payments and bus passes. It also provides emergency accommodation at a Night Shelter, and longer-term accommodation in 7 houses with Sheffield families. It accompanies asylum seekers to legal and medical appointments and to reporting sessions at the UK Border Agency. It also runs an advice help desk on Wednesday afternoons, and works together with other charities in the city involved with refugees and asylum seekers.

### **CAFOD supported by a monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month retiring collection**

is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church and is part of Caritas International. Our mission is to bring hope and compassion to poor communities and to stand side by side with them to end poverty and injustice. We are inspired by Scripture and Catholic social teaching and our projects work with people of all faiths and none in communities worldwide. Support for CAFOD comes by way of prayers, donations and campaign actions. Our aim is to enable the Catholic community of St Williams to share their gifts and talents to help bring about a peaceful and more sustainable world for all.