

Defeat Poverty. Restore Dignity.



We empower local churches in 14 countries in Africa and the Caribbean to serve the poor, marginalised and vulnerable, creating sustainable transformation in their communities.



In 2022, LIA served **190,406** individual beneficiaries through our local church partners. Of these, **14,476** were served under our spiritual pillar through evangelism and discipleship as well as capacity building for the church; **83,341** were reached through our social engagement pillar, while **54,707** benefited from primary health awareness and support services. Another **24,137** received education support and **13,745** benefited from economic empowerment services including enterprise training, skills development, and access to microcredit.

Why the local church?

1. It is local – it understands the context in which we work and knows better the needs of the people as God sees them. It can therefore design, implement and own relevant and high impact responses to those needs.
2. It is perpetual – it does not relocate from the community and this is key for ensuring sustainability.
3. It is God’s government on earth with a mandate and authority to execute that mandate.
4. It is resilient and trusted by the community and the government. Being at the centre of our programming enhances goodwill of our ministry among the poor, marginalised and vulnerable.

LIA has a tested strategy of working with the local church through our unique *Wholistic Transformational Model*. Our “5Es” strategy – *Enter, Empower, Establish, Expand and Entrust* enhances ownership, generates interest in the local church and strengthens it to execute its mandate enabling it to transform and impact others.

A Story of Transformation
Youth Running Club (YRC) Makamba, Burundi: A lesson of love

Ciza and his sister are members of the YRC of Makamba, one of LIA’s social engagement programmes that engages with young people in the community. Ciza and his sister lived in an old house with their mother who is epileptic and has burn scars on her body resulting from her falling into the fire many times due to her condition. The CMCI church, who were following up on Ciza’s family, noticed that their house was very old and about to fall down. They informed the committee of pastors and agreed to do something for the family. The LIA Community Coordinator in Makamba had the idea to mobilise and involve the YRC members as a sign of solidarity for their friend.

The church raised funds, the local administration gave iron sheets, church members gave their time to help and YRC members joined in to help to repair their house. Ciza’s family was very happy and grateful to the help of the church and the community praising and giving glory to God.

For more information visit lifeinabundance.org or use this QR code



KNITTING FOR BABIES IN UKRAINE AND TURKEY

The Rotary Club are planning on shipping out knitted items to help babies in the hospitals and orphanages in Ukraine and Turkey. They are asking for community support in the form of knitted small (premature especially) sized baby hats; cardigans; booties; mittens or squares to make blankets. Contact Helen Fines on helenfines@btinternet.com to arrange for collection.

Programme for remainder of Rob Hoy and Simon Bacon’s trip to Rwanda and Uganda 15th Feb - 11th March

- Wed 1 - Sun 5 Mar Staying at Peace Guest House in Cyanguu Diocese. Activities include visits to water filter beneficiaries, widows, local NGO and meeting contacts from the DRC.
- Mon 6 March 08:20 flight from Kamembe to Kigali, arriving 09:00. Stay overnight at Solace Ministries.
- Tues 7 March 10:35 flight from Kigali to Entebbe (Uganda) arriving 12:35. Travel to Buikwe.
- Wed 8 March Visiting beneficiaries of filters in Buikwe.
- Thurs 9 March Taxi to Entebbe where John Griffith will organise transport to filter beneficiaries near Lake Wamala.
- Fri 10 March Visiting beneficiaries of filters in Lake Wamala community.
- Sat 11 March Travel to Entebbe for flight to Kigali. Overnight flight from Kigali to Heathrow.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 is taking place 27 February – 12 March 2023.

This Fairtrade Fortnight, join us in spreading a simple message: making the small switch to Fairtrade that supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.



Did you know? Coffee, bananas and chocolate could soon be much more difficult to buy. Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.

But here's the good news.

More people choosing Fairtrade means extra income, power and support for those communities.

By making the small switch to Fairtrade, we can all support producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

EARTH HOUR 2023: SAT 25TH MARCH, 8:30PM

Earth Hour is when local and global communities unite and switch off their lights to show they care about the future of our planet – our one shared home.

Earth Hour reminds us that even small actions can make a big difference. When we make changes in our own lives to reduce our footprint, we inspire those around us to do the same. And together, we are a powerful global movement that governments and businesses can't ignore.

Everyone has a part to play – and it starts with a single switch.



DURING EARTH HOUR

Switch off your lights and take an hour to reflect on what nature means to you.

Enjoy a meat-free meal by candlelight with your friends and family. Put your phone on do not disturb, press play on our Earth Hour Spotify playlist and enjoy some down time to yourself.

Share how you're spending the hour with us on social media using #EarthHourUK.

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour>

SHOW THE LOVE

Each month TRINITY Creation Care team lead Sunday Club. We are usually able to be outside in the churchyard at St John sub Castro. The theme last month was Show the Love. We focused on showing love to the birds who live in the area by filling little wicker hearts with moss and sheep's wool which the birds can use to build their nests. The children enjoyed thinking about where the hearts could be hung up, what other materials birds might use to build nests and how skilfully they use their beaks to weave twigs and grass to make a home for their young. Our memory verse was Matthew 8:20.

I posted one of the hearts we made to our MP Maria Caulfield as part of the Show the Love campaign which seeks to remind MPs of the importance of caring for creation while meeting energy needs now and in the future by:

- Committing to support those most vulnerable to climate impacts globally and protect and restore nature and wildlife.
- Stopping approving new oil and gas fields to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- Tripling the amount of renewable energy in the UK by 2030.
- Launching a properly-funded programme of home upgrades and insulation across the UK to bring down bills and prevent energy waste.
- Providing financial support to people on the front-line of poverty.



GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the ministry of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).



Please visit our website for more details <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/> For any queries about setting up regular giving with the PGS, please get in touch with their support team: Phone: 0333 002 1260; Email: info@parishgiving.org.uk; Our church name is TRINITY Church Lewes and our PGS parish code 100610471.

You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites, and you can give cash or cheques to the clergy or post cheques to the office. If you are able to gift-aid your donation, we can claim back 25% of your giving as no extra cost to you. Please email (finance@trinitylewes.org) and our treasurer will be able to give you the forms to do this.

Lent Carbon Fast: See <https://www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/>

LOSRRAS - Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees & Asylum Seekers

request for refugees currently housed in Hailsham, in relatively isolated premises:
*Smart phones (cleared if possible) and charging cables
*Computer games, play stations, Xbox and Nintendo
*Skipping ropes, Footballs, Volleyballs, Pumps for balls, Cricket equipment
*Indoor games, e.g. Uno, Ludo, dominoes; but especially chess and backgammon
Please drop donations off on Tues March 7th between 6-8pm at 17 Grange Road, Lewes BN7 1TS, or contact Mary Boyum on 07803 630831.

OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS NEED

Tinned meats, tinned fruit, tinned veg, cereals, long life (UHT) milk, toiletries, egg boxes



Items may be brought to church on Sundays or left in the porch at TRINITY St John's or TRINITY Southover.



Café 12/31 is open for food and drink

Tuesday to Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

TRINITY Southover is open for prayer

Monday & Wednesday 12:00 noon - 3:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm

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