St Mary's Charities

St Mary's chosen Charities for 2025

Each month we will focus on one specific charity in our prayers.

At the end of the year all money raised through the Charities fund and Easyfundraising, will be split equally amongst the ten dedicated charities from January-October.

Charity of the month:

January - Little Havens Hospice

February – St Mary's School

March - Brentwood School Christian Workers Trust

April – Brentwood Citizens Advice Bureau

May – Christians against Poverty (CAP)
(Christian Aid week event)

June – SNAP Special Needs and Parents

July – Mission to Seafarers

August – St Francis Hospice

September –Shenfield High School

October –United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG)

November + December *– No specific Charity as we already support*

The Children's Society, Crisis and Norway House annual collections during these months.

Our main source of fundraising for these selected charities has been achieved by the regular use of easyfundraising.org.uk.

What is it?

They are a charity cashback site providing a free way to raise money for a good cause or charity when you shop online. Easyfundraising works with over 8,000 retailers who will give a donation as a 'thank you' for shopping with them. Our supporters simply need to register as an easyfundraising supporter of 'St Mary's Charities' and then each time they shop on-line there may be the option to claim a small amount of cash back for our charities fund simply by clicking through the easyfundraising website first.

Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop, office and bisness essentials, to car and home insurance or even your your annual holiday or short break away - you could be raising free donations for St Marys Shenfield Charities with Easyfundraising. There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to donate - including Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Sainsburys, Booking.com and M&S - and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysshenfieldcharities

or simply by scan this QR code to register. It is free to join!

2. Every time you shop online, click onto to easyfundraising website first to find the shopping website site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, the retailer will donate to St Marys Shenfield Charities at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

   There are no catches or hidden charges, and St Marys Shenfield Charities will be grateful for your donations.

With just 14 active supporters we raised an incredible £550.00 during 2024. Most donations are between 5p and 50p, but every single purchase helped. One supporter raised £41.03 in a single transaction simply by purchasing one significant item via Easyfundraising. Imagine if we had 50 supporters – this is your opportunity to be one of them!

We also hold occasional small-scale events such as sales and raffles which help contribute to the charity funds. Our Craft Hub group, which meets once a month also contributes surplus subscriptions to the charities fund too. At the end of each year the total monies raised for the charities are then divided up between the ten selected charities and they are donated an equal sum each. Our charities fund is run on the basis of the old Tanzanian proverb, 'Little by little, a little becomes a lot', which is one Our charities fund is run on the basis of the old Tanzanian proverb, 'Little by little, a little becomes a lot', which is one of the reasons we continue to split the funds between so many different charities, rather than one single charity.

Hopefully each charity can fund a small element of their work through the support of St Mary's Church.

Thank you for your support!

Debbie Catton