



# **ALLSAINTS** WOODFORD WELLS

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## **Introduction**

This policy covers grants to mission partners, individuals and donations to Christian charities.

## **Mission statement**

All Saints Woodford Wells (ASWW) has adopted the following mission statement in respect of mission activities:

*Our Church's aim is to provide financial, pastoral and prayer support to the people we send out in mission, enabling them to share the Gospel and God's love in the communities where they work.*

The grant making policy has been established in the context of this mission statement.

## **Authority**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has delegated authority to the Mission Committee (a sub committee of the PCC) to evaluate proposed recipients of grant funding in accordance with the mission statement and the overall objectives of ASWW as a charity. The PCC has also delegated authority to the St Andrew's Committee to retain funds donated to the St Andrew's account and to disperse them as they see fit, including to St Andrew's' mission partners.

The role of the Mission Committee is to evaluate requests for grant funding, to make recommendations to the PCC in respect of these requests, and to review on an ongoing basis the activities of mission partners, Christian charities, and other individuals to ensure the church's grant making remains aligned to the mission statement and the overall objectives of ASWW as a charity.

The role of the PCC is to review the recommendations of the Mission Committee and determine whether these can be approved and implemented.

## **Budget**

Grants are made from the restricted Mission Fund, which receives annual income from the church's gift day and annual mission sale. The grant making budget is therefore limited to the balance of the restricted Mission Fund. The Mission Committee may request the PCC to provide additional grant making funds from the church's general funds in exceptional circumstances.

## **Grants for mission partners**

From time to time people are called by God to work full time, usually with a mission organisation either overseas, or in the United Kingdom. Before support is approved prospective mission partners are interviewed by a panel of members from the Mission Committee to consider and review their calling. The panel will then report back to the Mission Committee who will consider the amount and duration of any financial grant. All such grants are reviewed by the committee every three years. Each mission partner is assigned to a member of the Mission Committee whose responsibility is to ensure regular reports are received both by them and also to any home groups who have been linked to them.

The Mission Committee may authorise grants to known mission partners to cover expenditure in relation to specific projects or programmes. Reports are required to show how the money has been used and the results of the project or programme.

## **Grants to individuals**

Persons considering a call to mission or seeking support for a particular Christian activity, such as work by a Christian Union in a university, can apply to the Mission Committee for a one-off grant.

This may involve, for example, visiting mission work in a particular location, such as the “Good Shepherd Project” in Brazil. As for prospective mission partners, persons seeking grants are normally interviewed by a panel from the Mission Committee and a grant approved. As one of the conditions for making the grant, follow up reports are requested. These are received following the visit or project and reviewed by the Mission Committee.

### **Donations to Christian Charities**

For many years All Saints’ with St Andrew’s has supported a number of Christian charities and each year the list of such charities is reviewed by the Mission Committee and grants approved.

### **Exclusions**

Grants will not be approved to individuals or organisations whose activities are considered by the Mission Committee to directly contravene the mission statement and/or the overall objectives of ASWW as a charity.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Mission Committee has regard to the Conflict of Interest Policy so as to ensure that committee members do not participate in any decision to award a grant to any relative or connected person or organisation and that that policy is otherwise complied with.

### **Summary**

The Mission Committee reports annually to the PCC and also publishes a list of all grants made each year. The list is sent to all members of the PCC and is available from the church office on request so that all members of the congregation have access to details of the grants made. All grants are listed in the Annual Financial Statements of the church.