

# ALL SAINTS WESTON BATH

## MISSION TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2022

### INTRODUCING THE TEAM

All Saints Mission team in 2022 comprised seven members, joined towards the end of the year by the new Rector to make a total of eight members. The team has a range of expertise in international development, mission, medicine, business and management, as well as experience of living and working in countries experiencing high levels of poverty. The team ensures that All Saints follows due diligence in its mission work. It has clear guidelines for selection of partners and for the role of the team in oversight and accountability to the PCC, church members and the people it supports through projects.

The team meets four times a year, but met five times in 2022 to include an additional meeting to discuss its approach to conflict of interest and update its procedures. It agreed the annual budget and funding schedules with the All Saints finance team and liaised with them to ensure money reached the right partners and accounts. At the end of the year, the team reviewed partner annual updates/ organisational reports to assess impact and learning and to decide whether to continue funding the partners. Missions team members are each responsible for communication with specific funded partners, making sure that donations are used for the agreed purposes and that the church is kept informed about the partners' work and impact – for example, inviting partner representatives to speak at the church, sharing newsletters and video updates, visiting the work when feasible and exchanging emails with partners.

### INTRODUCING THE MISSIONS' WORK

All Saints aims to give 10% of unrestricted income to external mission. In 2022, the Missions Team expenditure was £26,616, remaining at the same level as the previous few years. 42% of those funds went to local and UK based partners and 45% to international partners, with the additional 13% going in one-off gifts in response to specific needs and as the Christmas offering.

As a church, All Saints Weston Bath wants to fulfil our Biblical mandate to show radical love to our local and global community just as Jesus did. We do this by responding holistically and effectively to the needs of people in our community, country and around the world, especially those who are most vulnerable; and by releasing and equipping our church family corporately and individually to live out our calling in relation to our community and world. In 2022, the team improved its communications about the missions' work with the wider church, introducing monthly three-minute spotlights in Sunday services, each focused on a mission partner.

In 2022, the team also led the two morning services on a 'Missions Sunday' in November, helping the church congregation learn more about the partners and to understand God's heart for our world and principles for effective work derived both from the Bible and best practice. These principles inform how we identify, learn from and support effective partners who align to our core principles of: long-term change; local ownership; getting everyone to play their part; effectiveness; and motivated and guided by God's power and love.

## IMPACT AND LEARNING – BATH/ UK

### **Bath City Pastors** (formerly Bath Street Pastors) – *Dennis Pearson, Coordinator*

Bath City Pastors is an interdenominational group, now part of a national organisation ‘Street Angels’. They show God’s love and care to those on Bath’s city centre streets late on Friday and Saturday nights – particularly those who are vulnerable, distressed or drunk. They partner with emergency services, local government, Bath CCTV, street and taxi marshals, and door staff.

**Impact:** in 2022, they provided support and safety to rough sleepers e.g. blankets, gloves, socks, hot drinks and cereal bars. They gave reassurance to other vulnerable adults on the streets by escorting them to taxis or, if in medical need, liaising with paramedics/ the ambulance service. They have also thwarted attempts by vulnerable adults to harm themselves or commit suicide.

**Learning:** BCP has adopted key practices from their past 14 years’ experience as Bath Street Pastors. They hold team training four times per annum, where independent speakers share on relevant topics. Each shift completes a report and shares significant issues with the whole team.

### **Bath Youth for Christ (BYC)** – *Lea Lawton*

Bath Youth for Christ aims to see the lives of young people in Bath changed by Jesus.

**Impact:** In 2022, BYC extended its youth work in Peasedown from two to three after-school sessions a week. This provided a more consistent presence in young people’s lives, enabling stronger relationships to develop between them and their youth workers. BYC also delivered a food pantry in partnership with Bath Methodist Church, St Barnabas Church and Oasis Hub Bath. ‘Connect Mentoring’ provided one-to-one support for young people in schools. BYC supported youth workers in Bath and helped deliver events for church young people.

**Learning:** BYC’s key learning has been the importance of consistency in youth work. Once a week is not enough to develop meaningful supportive relationships. They are joining a group of Christian youth charities called ‘Relational Hub Network’ that provides safe spaces, which are ‘home away from home’ for young people. The spaces are open at least three times a week to offer that consistent presence. This has already led to real improvement in their work in Peasedown, resulting in better behaviour, engagement and relationships between staff/volunteers and young people.

### **Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)** – *from the organisational annual report April 2022*

CPAS’s mission is to enable churches to help every person, whatever their background or situation, to hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ. It aims to develop leadership at all levels in local churches, so that they are more effective at enabling local residents to engage with and participate in the local church, coming to, and growing in personal faith. [CPAS Today: 13/10/22 - YouTube](#)

**Impact:** In the year up to April 2022, CPAS made 60 clergy appointments and oversaw 692 clergy under CPAS ‘Patronage’, as dioceses’ confidence to make appointments increased post COVID. It helped clergy move, including running online training about the appointment and moving process. At the end of 2021, CPAS also celebrated the outstanding service of four trustees, including Patrick Whitworth, former Rector all All Saints Weston. CPAS ran 60% of its normal summer programme in 2021-2, including 51 ‘Venture’ holidays for 2,602 children young people and 11 ‘Falcon’ holidays and events for 187 disadvantaged children. It also continued leadership development courses, online and in person; ran webinars and PCC evenings; and published a faith-sharing resource.

**Learning:** CPAS strengthened its online training capacity so it can offer a blend of online and onsite training going forward. It also experimented with different ways to develop new leaders for its schemes, aiming to run its first leadership conference in the coming year.

**Genesis Trust, Bath** – from organisational annual report March 2022 & Snapshot

Genesis Trust mobilises members of the community and church congregations and helps to relieve poverty amongst homeless and destitute people and those in need in Bath and its surrounding areas. It aims to prevent people becoming socially excluded and assist those who are excluded to integrate into society.

**Impact:** This year, Lifeline provided practical support for 299 guests with 3,469 interactions, including a drop-in centre, food parcels, shower facilities and help with budgeting, as well as many other issues. 94 clients took part in 25 life skills courses and activities, over 80% rating them as excellent. 19 guests attended three Life Courses, 89% reporting a significant positive change. 18-22 people also attended a weekly social breakfast. The Bath Foodbank benefited 3,864 people. In this first year of Genesis' online Furniture shop, people donated 2000 items, generating nearly £100,000 of income. The shop then helped over 200 vulnerable families and individuals who are newly homed or struggling financially.

**Learning:** Genesis learned that meaningful relationships and trust are the basis for effective transformation. By providing three initiatives that support life skills development, it enabled people to move more fluidly between them, while investing enough time in developing the relationships.

**Life Project, Bath** – Rich Blake-Lobb

The Life Project creates and models supportive community for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers. It provides purposeful activities which value their holistic needs and wellbeing. It creates an environment that nurtures social development and healthy relationships, offering platforms for people to express their uniqueness and opportunities for those who want to develop their faith.

**Impact:** From April 2022, Life Project returned to regular in-person sessions three times a week. It offered summer outings like cycling, picnics and skittles. They maintained an allotment to grow food for eating and create products for Makers to sell at events. It supported parents and carers through a weekly drop-in, two retreat days and a peer support WhatsApp group. Adults with learning disabilities took part in the Springs bi-monthly fellowship meetings, and celebrated a baptism in November.

**Learning:** Life Project has learned again God's faithfulness through times of change, including changes in staffing that cause anxiety and sadness and through financial challenges. They have appointed new staff to key roles and seen how much they and volunteers give. They have managed to maintain services and found money arriving just as it was most needed.

**ReSource for Anglican Renewal Ministries, UK** – Rev Dr Christopher Landau

ReSource has a vision of seeing churches in the UK 'Alive in the Spirit and active in Mission'.

**Impact:** In 2022, ReSource saw great uptake of the Alongside Scheme, which provided one-to-one support for ordained and lay church leaders, helping renew 'little, local, ordinary' churches. ReSource expanded its retreats, partnering with two retreat houses and planning for three more in 2023. Churches using their *Saints Alive!* discipleship developed a culture of long-term fruitfulness. ReSource also ministered at individual and groups of churches, when invited.

**Learning:** "ReSource is an adventure in faith, and we must ourselves live out the trust in God which we commend to the churches we serve" – learning to trust God with finances, bookings, social media engagement and other priorities.

### **Rose Cottage Community Hub, Bath** – Nathan Gale

Rose Cottage, part of Saint Michaels Church, seeks to be an agent of change and facilitator of community cohesion. It runs a welcoming café and garden in the heart of Twerton, an area only a mile from Weston, where many people are struggling to cope in these difficult times.

**Impact:** In 2022, Rose Cottage saw new faces coming through the doors, having built relationships with schools in the area and with more people now finding out about its activities. It offered a safe place for people to have food, meet friends and volunteers, and feel the weight of the world lifted off for a time: “knowing that they are not alone and are loved”. It ran family-specific events to encourage healthy family life; made rooms available for hire; and acted as a signpost to other service-providers. It also operated a Foodbank distribution centre.

**Learning:** Rose Cottage wants everyone to learn that they have a role to play in God’s Kingdom. It has extended an invitation to local Christian agencies and churches to come to pray together on a Tuesday morning to listen to God’s leading and give time for the Holy Spirit to move.

### **Other UK funded work**

In addition to these partners, funding went to the local school, WASPS, to provide Bibles.

## **IMPACT AND LEARNING – INTERNATIONAL**

### **Church Mission Society (SAMS) and Anglican Church of Paraguay** – Tim Curtis

Tim Curtis is building up the body of Christ through writing, translating and producing discipleship and study materials in the Énxet language for this small indigenous nation in the Chaco region of Paraguay. He also provides support for the Vicar General and indigenous pastors.

**Impact:** Tim continued supporting indigenous translators working on the new translation of the northern Énxet Bible and on the Spanish to Énxet dictionary. Tim also continued to look after the Anglican Centre in Rio Verde, meeting with indigenous pastors and leaders and taking part in Bible studies, often led by the Vicar General, explaining language and cultural differences. (Spanish comes as a third language to most of the indigenous pastors in the ‘Anglican Zone’ of the Chaco.) He accompanied the Énxet delegation to the Indigenous Anglican Conference in October; offered hospitality to visitors from the national church and overseas; and travelled to visit remote churches.

**Learning:** Tim’s most important learning in 2022 was continued dependence on God’s grace and the need for humility and patience, trusting that God would supply all needs.

### **Bethlehem Bible College** (supported by the Bethlehem Development Trust UK) – Dr Jack Sara

The interdenominational Bethlehem Bible College enables any Palestinian - Christians and Muslims - to access theological education and training in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Its initiatives, led by local faculty members, include peacebuilding and reconciliation, tourism, leadership and management, public square ministry, and refugee support.

**Impact:** 2022 saw great growth and improvement in all aspects of the College, including upgrades to the campus and educational resources. The College offered online BA, MA and community courses to 183 students, obtaining accreditation for its BA and diploma program from the European Council on Theological Education and the Asian Association. It hosted students from all the Arabic-speaking countries. It also completed the inaugural year of its Certificate Program in Peace and Justice.

**Learning:** The College’s new strategy focuses on contextual academic research, improved spiritual, and educational provision, better environment and increased financial sustainability.

**Malawi Support/ Eagles** – *Malawi Support newsletter, 2022 update + 2021 annual report*

Eagles equips churches and communities in Malawi to work together to take responsibility for their own development and bring holistic change. Malawi Support is a UK registered charity funding Eagles. In 2022, the Missions team allocated an additional one-off gift to translate Eagles' online course into Spanish for roll-out in Latin America with the Church of South America and Tearfund.

**Impact:** In Malawi, Eagles' work with 525 churches of different denominations reached 204,040 people. The churches worked with their communities to help over 7,000 people improve their food security and nutrition. Over 1,500 people took part in Village Savings and Loans groups, saving money to run income generating activities. 1,800 families accessed clean water and communities improved health and hygiene. Communities helped 2,308 under-five children improve their learning and safety through Community Based Childcare Centres and a further 3,784 orphans and vulnerable children get uniforms and materials, so they could go to school. Churches and their communities cared for 920 people living with HIV/AIDS and supported 583 widows. They helped people with disability feel become more included in society. Eagles also trained church and community leaders in safeguarding, leading to more cases reported and addressed. Eagles helped over 7,000 people respond to climate change, planting over 100,000 trees, diversifying crops and building fuel efficient stoves. Eagles helped churches set up structures to ensure the sustainability of the work – 436 churches had social action committees, 84% of which were active in work with their communities. Eagles also trained a further 31 church leaders (6 women) in the Bible school in Integral Mission.

Malawi Support facilitated the online Church and Community Mobilisation six-month pilot in 2021. Its uptake has been so extensive that Tearfund has bought rights to the course from Eagles. Eagles' online course reach in 2022 was extended to a pilot in Latin America in 2022. Working with Tearfund and the Primate of the Anglican church South America, Malawi Support launched the course in Spanish. Staff from Compassion International are taking part, together with church leaders from Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Bolivia and Mexico.

**Learning:** Eagles reached more churches and communities by focusing on envisioning new churches; strengthening data collection through church leaders; and training church leaders further in integral mission and how to work with communities. Learning that abuse is often hidden, they intensified training in safeguarding, seeing immediate impact on addressing cases.

**Mengo Hospital Mental Health Department, Uganda** – *Dr. Namulema; Sr Rhoda Topacho*

Mengo was the first Hospital in East Africa established by a CMS missionary. Its mission is to provide quality, holistic, patient-centred, evidence-based healthcare services and medical education, bearing witness to Jesus Christ. ASW supports the mental health department in a context where these issues are often very low priority, reaching schools and communities in surrounding villages around Kampala, especially vulnerable people who cannot access hospital services.

**Impact:** COVID19 had a significant adverse effect on people's mental health, particularly affecting HIV/ AIDS patients because their suppressed immune systems. In 2022, the department integrated mental health into routine screening at the general outpatients department, resulting in an increase of 5 patients per month during COVID to 60 a month. It also created a system for appointment reminders to follow up mental health clients: 78 phone calls led to improved attendance at appointments. The department offered a daily clinic for assessing both out and in-patients; conducted community awareness; provided follow-up rehabilitation services for patients who improved with medication; and clinical management of diagnosed mental and psycho-social disorders. It also provided counselling, practical advice and medication; and a visiting Psychiatrist offered outpatient consultation clinics twice a week.

**Learning:** Mengo's 2022 learning has highlighted that mental health is often neglected – and that children are significantly affected as they rely on care-givers to recognise and support them... Active screening at the outpatients department has led to earlier identification and diagnosis; while persistence in health education has improved clinic attendance and adherence to treatment. Mengo depends on donor funding as it is expensive to treat life-long illness.

**SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad)** – *Richard Moy*

SOMA aims to reawaken the church in the UK and around the world – tending the body of Christ's nervous system. On the invitation of a local bishop, it sends short-term, multicultural missions teams to equip and empower local churches, ministers and dioceses in the renewing power of the Holy Spirit and evangelism.

**Impact:** 2022 was a busy year for SOMA. They visited and encouraged churches in the UK with stories from the worldwide church. They took part in the Lambeth Conference and received over 80 invitations to minister in dioceses around the worlds from the Artic to Polynesia. They carried out mission trips to Poland, Uganda, DRC and Lebanon. SOMA also set up the META youth programme for 16-19 year-olds: 13 young people from Pakistan, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and the UK were involved in the pilot.

**Learning:** SOMA has learned more about safeguarding in an international context in 2022, receiving bespoke training from an organisation called thirty-one:eight that equips others to protect vulnerable people. SOMA's director is also completing a Doctorate in Theology and Ministry on charismatic church in the UK to informal missional thinking overseas. It partners with and learns from other agencies.

## PRAYER POINTS (from partners that shared them)

<b>Bath City Pastors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the teams to be guided to the right places &amp; have the right words &amp; actions.</li> <li>• For more volunteers so BCP can operate every Friday and Saturday night</li> <li>• For regular funding to cover uniform, training, insurance etc - about £4,000 pa</li> </ul>
<b>Bath Youth for Christ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To connect support more young people that don't have a connection to church &amp; support them to make positive lifestyle choices &amp; fulfil their God-given potential</li> <li>• For more volunteers for mentoring in schools, at the youth &amp; breakfast clubs</li> <li>• For the emotional impact on staff as they offer non-judgemental pastoral support</li> </ul>
<b>Bethlehem Bible College</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Lord will keep blessing the College with His presence, love and grace</li> <li>• That their students will love out their faith &amp; lead others to the Kingdom of God</li> </ul>
<b>CPAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Jon Scamman, new CEO of CPAS from October 2022</li> <li>• For effective evangelism for those taking part in CPAS training &amp; the Arrow Course</li> <li>• For recruitment of more leaders for the Falcon and Venture programmes</li> </ul>
<b>Eagles Malawi/ Malawi Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Eagles' response to the devastating impact of Cyclone Freddy in March 2023</li> <li>• For amazing impact of the Eagles' online course taking place in Latin America</li> <li>• For continued development of new facilitators across Malawi to extend the work</li> </ul>
<b>Genesis Trust</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the development of a joined-up pathway for clients, offering social connection</li> <li>• For wisdom in considering ways to support ex-offenders constructively</li> <li>• For the new volunteer management system &amp; more links with other local agencies</li> <li>• For the development of ways to support local churches to serve their communities</li> </ul>
<b>Life Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smooth transition as a significant, long-standing staff member moves on in Summer 2021 (especially for those who find change unsettling)</li> <li>• For project users to grow in confidence, community and faith</li> <li>• For unity in how to facilitate the three core streams of services post-COVID</li> <li>• For increased financial sustainability as they diversify funding sources</li> </ul>
<b>Mengo Hospital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For political stability in Uganda so that mental health can continue uninterrupted</li> <li>• For guidance for staffing issues in the mental health department</li> <li>• For more funding to further God's work and mental health interventions</li> </ul>
<b>ReSource</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That ReSource will enable many to focus on the vital question of spiritual renewal and the church being active in mission</li> <li>• That God would prompt parishes ready to take a step in renewal, to get in touch</li> </ul>
<b>Rose Cottage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For more volunteers so that Rose Cottage can open on more days of the week</li> <li>• For strengthened relationships and wisdom in discipling people</li> <li>• For local churches &amp; agencies to come together with Rose Cottage in their mission</li> </ul>
<b>SOMA UK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That SOMA can find &amp; fill the gap left by the Exec Assistant on maternity leave February – November 2023</li> <li>• Missions this year to South Sudan (4-6 trips), Uganda (2) and Ireland</li> <li>• META youth mission to Lebanon</li> </ul>
<b>Tim Curtis - CMS/ Church of Paraguay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the Northern Énxet Bible new translation &amp; a good relationship with Mennonite colleagues, who work with the Northern Énxet &amp; other indigenous groups</li> <li>• For completion of the Spanish to Énxet section of the dictionary</li> <li>• For the training of indigenous church leaders: Colossians 3:16a</li> <li>• For the possible formation of a new Anglican Diocese in the Chaco</li> </ul>

## ANNEX

### Total spend 2022

Bath/ UK	2022 spend £
Bath City Pastors	200
Bath Youth for Christ	2,000
CPAS	1,000
Genesis	3,000
Life Project	1,000
ReSource	1,000
Rose Cottage Centre	2,500
WASPS	600
<b>Total Bath/ UK Mission</b>	<b>11,300</b>

International	
CMS / SAMS	3,000
Hope Christian Trust	2,000
Malawi Support - Eagles	3,500
Mengo Hospital	1,500
SOMA	2,000
<b>Total International Mission</b>	<b>12,000</b>

Additional one-off gifts	
Malawi Support course	
Life Project	
Tearfund	
<b>Total Additional Gifts</b>	<b>3,316</b>

<b>Total CHARITABLE GIVING</b>	<b>26,616</b>
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### Mission team members 2022

- Robert Page (Chair)
- Tom Yacomeni (ASW Rector – from October 2022)
- Rob Gray (representing the PCC)
- Alison Stoneley
- Jo Skinner
- Paul Nicholson
- Clive Kennett
- Cathy James