



# Lent

## International

### Friends of Children in Romania



Friends of Children in Romania is a charity that supports children and young people whose own parents are no longer able to care for them. The charity provides 2 small houses in the Carpathian mountains in Romania as a place of refuge. These give a secure, happy and stable environment for the children. They are supported there until they become independent adults. One of the trustees that runs the charity is Fr Martin Lane who is based in Chichester Diocese. The charity relies on voluntary donations, so all the support we can give is very much appreciated.

***“I always feel that I was blessed to be brought to Hârja and not to another place. I was given a second chance in life. I have received education, care, attention, love and I had everything a child would need.” Lidiat***



Our contact: **Rev. Scott Canadas**



<https://friendsofchildreninromania.org/>

# Focus in June

## Local

### Horsham Matters



Horsham Matters is a Christian charity that aims to demonstrate love of our neighbour, by relieving hardship through the provision of essential services in order to make a positive, long-lasting impact on people's lives. They run the Horsham District foodbanks (across a range of locations around the district) as well as providing other services such as essential household items for those setting up home. Increasingly they are working to provide advice and guidance (such as help with budgeting) to those in need, to help them avoid getting to the point of crisis. They have recently launched their advice vehicle to go out to villages where residents struggle to access information. Their long term aim is to eradicate the need for foodbanks.

Horsham Matters needs can be summed up as -

**"donations, funds, volunteers and awareness raising":**

- At St. Mary's we support Horsham Matters by collecting food for their foodbank. (*see page 6 for more information*) There is a collection box for non-perishable items at the door of the church and an up to date list of current food needs can be always be found on their website at : [www.horsham-matters.org.uk](http://www.horsham-matters.org.uk)
- Financial donations are of course always extremely beneficial!
- In addition, they welcome donations of good quality furniture and bric-a-brac items (please see their website for information about how to donate)
- They have an ongoing need for volunteers, to help in their foodbanks, their warehouse and their shop
- And they need to continue to raise awareness of what they do - not only to inspire people to support their work - but also to make sure that those in need become aware of how they can help them

Our contact is: **Linda Emery**



# Harvest

## Local

**Food and money** donated will go to  
**Family Support Work (West Sussex)**



The charity support children and families through difficult times in their lives including low income and poverty; mental or physical ill health; disability; learning difficulties; school non-attendance and exclusion; bereavement; family break-up and domestic abuse.

They help children and parents/carers to resolve problems, develop confidence and resilience and improve relationships.

They work closely with schools to support children to stay in mainstream education and do well.

FSW also provides food parcels, clothing, household goods and help with winter fuel bills where necessary.

Their aim is to support parents as they try to ensure that their children have the best start in life – “A strong family for every child in Sussex”

<https://www.familysupportwork.org/>

Our contact is: **Hennie Sleeman**



# Christmas

Local

**St. Catherine's Hospice**

**ST CATHERINE'S  
HOSPICE**

For the last 40 years, St. Catherine's Hospice has been there for people living in West Sussex and East Surrey, offering both physical and emotional support to those living with a life-limiting or terminal condition and their families.

From caring for people at home, in our Wellbeing centre and on our wards, their expert teams are on hand to support those facing death and loss. They not only care for those who are living with a life-limiting or terminal condition, but offer bereavement and carer support to their loved ones.

Their vision is a world where everyone can face death informed, supported and pain free. They treat people with understanding, patience, respect and, most importantly, with dignity.

They are incredibly proud of our expert team, and the care that they deliver on a daily basis; in fact, the Care Quality Commission has rated our care as 'Outstanding.'

<https://www.stch.org.uk/>

Our contact is: **Linda Goodwin**



# On-going support

## Local

### Horsham Food Bank



Throughout the year we collect food for the Horsham District Foodbank which is run by Horsham Matters. The Foodbank provides emergency food for local people in crisis. Please leave tins and packets of food in the box by the door into Church. **No** perishable food please.

The Foodbank would be grateful for:

- tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit
- jams and peanut butter
- stir-in sauces, pasta
- cereal
- sponge puddings, rice pudding, custard
- long life milk

Please check out the Foodbank website for a regular updated list of current needs.

<https://horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Our contact is: **Anne Banner**



# On-going support

## Global

### Engineering Ministries International



Engineering Ministries International (EMI) is a Christian NGO made up of architects, engineers, surveyors, and construction managers. Since 1982 the worldwide mission of EMI has been to develop people, design structures, and construct facilities which serve communities and the Church. Together, we are designing a world of hope. The vision of EMI is for people to be restored by God and the world to be restored through design.

St. Mary's is supporting Rob Quail and his family in Managua, Nicaragua. Rob is the son of Simon Quail.

*The Quail family: Rob, Helen, Chloe and Josh live in Managua, Nicaragua. Rob is a professional engineer and project manager. Helen is a teacher and communications manager. She also teaches English to EMI's Nicaraguan staff and at a nearby Christian academy.*



Our contact is: **Simon Quail**



[emi-quails.com](http://emi-quails.com)

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### Teach Beyond



TeachBeyond is an international Christian NGO providing transformational education services as part of God's ongoing mission to transform individuals and communities into all He intends. For over 70 years, the mission has sought to share the good news of the Gospel in order that individuals and communities may be transformed by His Spirit through education grounded on God's Word.

St. Mary's is supporting Becky Hunsberger who works out of the TeachBeyond Global Office in Horsham.

Becky Hunsberger works alongside the senior leadership within TeachBeyond supporting the work of the regional Vice-Presidents and team leads. In addition to helping our global leaders think more deeply about our calling to transformational education, Becky plays a key role in preparing the mission to fulfill our calling to send missionaries to everywhere from everywhere.

Our contact is: **Becky Hunsberger**



[www.teachbeyond.org](http://www.teachbeyond.org).

# As the Parish of Horsham we support

## Horsham Churches Together



Horsham Churches Together support a number of shared Christian Ecumenical activities in our town.

<https://horshamct.org.uk/>

## St. Mary's C. of E. Primary school

<https://stmarysschoolhorsham.co.uk/>



The school have used money given by us to buy resources to run Prayer Spaces for the children.

## Horsham Debt Advice Service

<https://hdas.co.uk/>



Horsham Debt Advice Service are a team of trained advisers who will listen to you with understanding, compassion and in complete confidence. They are a registered Charity and offer a completely free service to help you if you are in financial difficulty.

For up to date information about our Mission Partners please see the  
Serving MAP Team notice board at the back of Church.

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