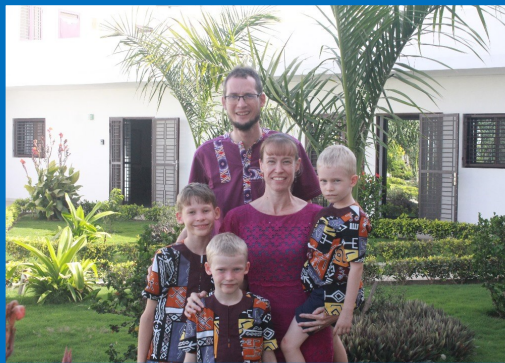
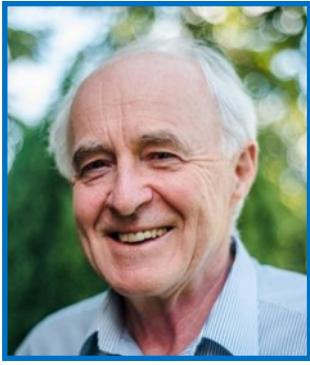


Global Action 2024-25



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Welcome to the 2024/25 edition of the St John's Global Action booklet. The members of the Global Action Team warmly commend this to you, and pray that it will encourage you as you play your part in God's work worldwide.

Who are St John's Global Action Partners?

St John's currently supports:

Malcolm & Kerstin Gray, & Amy (WEC)

David & Janet Wilkinson, Joel, Isaac & Theo (Wycliffe/SIL Senegal)

John & Sarah Gieske, Elizabeth, Andrew & Joanna (Wycliffe/SIL Senegal)

Laura Nelson, Nicolas, Samuel, Alex & Lucie (Paris)

Justin & Georgie, Reuben & Amber (Middle East)

Ben & Jenny, Lucy, Esther, Daniel & Natalie (Middle East)

Sarah Hopkins (SIM/South Africa)

StreetLight Centre (Community Skatepark and Café, Wimborne)

Tearfund (Christian relief & development charity)

Carlile Theological College (Fees for two students, Nairobi, Kenya)

Many of the Partners above have grown up in the church fellowship, received their calling while part of our community and all have a personal connection with St John's.

The congregation also gives financial support to Zaelyn Academy (Kenya), retired Partners Nora Norrish, Frank and Hennie Gray, and to St John's young people on short-term mission placements.

What does support look like?

Our Partners keep in touch by sending regular news and prayer requests, and we encourage all church members to support one or more of them in prayer, by personal encouragement and, if possible, financially. They love to hear from people at St John's; you can get in touch with them via their link people.

Please use this booklet to find out about them and their prayer needs. Recently a church member shared with me how this booklet is by his bed all year and he prays for one partner each day. A great encouragement!

In terms of financial support, through the generosity of God's people here at St John's, we have been able to pass on a total of around £60,000 during the past year. This has come from specific gifts to St John's Global Action fund, but will in

future come increasingly from general church funds. Some people give annually, while many church members give monthly or quarterly, either to specific named Partners or to the general Global Action fund. Gift-aided donations by UK taxpayers allow an additional 20% to be reclaimed from HMRC, meaning that a gift of £100 becomes £120.

New developments

In the past year, Global Action has gone onto the Hubb where you can find more information about our Partners if you are logged in (for confidentiality reasons). Do use the Hubb to sign up for news and prayer letters, or contact their link person.

To give our Partners greater security and regular gifts throughout the year, we are in the process of modifying our financial arrangements for them. This also reflects the fact that we are needing funds from general church giving to supplement our giving to global action.

What does the Global Action Team do?

As well as providing a contact point in St John's for each of the Partners, the Global Action Team (a sub-committee of the PCC) meets regularly to pray for them, to consider their financial needs and decide how gifts should be allocated. We explore how to encourage global mission interest and involvement in the church. We also publicise the work of Global Action Partners, help them plan their visits to St John's and encourage church members to consider how they could be involved in global mission themselves. Current team members are listed below, so please do feel free to talk to any of us about any aspect of the church's global action.

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MALCOLM & KERSTIN GRAY

WEC UK

Malcolm attended St John's Church with his family in the 1990s, being sent to Thailand as a short-term missionary aged 20. He later married Kerstin and they returned to Thailand for 16 years. The Gray family returned to the UK in 2018 when Malcolm and Kerstin were appointed as co-directors of WEC UK & Ireland, responsible for about 100 WEC missionaries serving in the UK, and

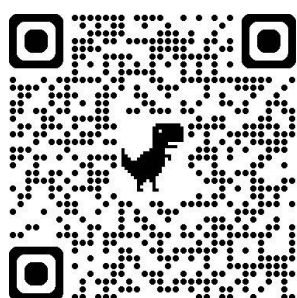


equipping and supporting about 100 missionaries from the UK serving around the world. Alongside the leadership role, Malcolm oversees the Communications Department and Kerstin is part of the Member-Care Department.

WEC International reaches out to people who have limited or no access to the good news of Jesus Christ, particularly where there is no church. It is a global fellowship of 19,000+ members from over 70 countries.

Please pray for us in our joint role as we lead our team in pursuit of our three goals for this season:

- Fresh Outpourings - The UK and Ireland will be soaked in prayer to see a fresh move of the Spirit and God's kingdom come.
- New Engagements - Churches will be inspired to pray for and build authentic relationships with the unreached peoples in their communities.
- Many Sent - Increasing numbers of kingdom ambassadors will be sent to the unreached peoples of the world.



We would love to hear from you! Check out mission opportunities in the UK and overseas, both short-term and long-term, and join us in praying for the nations.

Scan to find out more! www.wec-uk.org

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1.5 billion people around the world are still waiting for a Bible in a language they understand well. Wycliffe Bible Translators works with churches, organisations and individuals around the world in order that all people might engage with the Bible in their own language and hear God speaking to them. We have two couples working for Wycliffe's partner, SIL, in Senegal, West Africa.

DAVID & JANET WILKINSON

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

David joined St John's with his parents, Trevor & Fiona Wilkinson, in 2000. After university, he was sent out to Senegal by St John's for an initial assignment with Wycliffe in 2010. He then married Janet and they have been serving together in Senegal since 2014.



David is settling in as Director of Wycliffe's partner organisation in

Senegal, SIL, having been appointed to the role in May 2024. His work is varied, ranging from overseeing significant maintenance work and supervising colleagues, to meeting with local church leaders, encouraging partners and shaping the vision of the organisation as it seeks to serve language communities and provide people with access to the Scriptures in the languages they understand best. Janet is the Finance Co-ordinator so is responsible for accounting, budgeting and ensuring compliance with financial regulations.

Joel (11), Isaac (8) and Theo (5) are at local French schools, with Joel having just started secondary school.

Thank you for praying for us that we would manage to juggle our work and family responsibilities well as we play our part in making God's glory more known across Senegal.

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JOHN & SARAH GIESKE

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Sarah grew up in the Wimborne area, John in the USA's Midwest, and our children in West Africa, though we moved to a different city in spring 2024. **Praise God** for providing a lovely apartment, and **pray** that it will become a home in and from which we can be a blessing.



John's priority is to help translation teams consider, create and distribute audiovisual Scripture content that will help their own people to know Jesus better. After our move, he spent the summer equipping a purpose-built studio in order to offer his technical services for recording and production. This year, he is looking forward to working with up to five teams, recording portions from Genesis in two languages, Matthew in two languages, Acts in one language, and various New Testament portions in three languages. Two teams are also planning to hold Scripture song-writing workshops in early 2025.

Sarah supports our colleagues by proofreading prayer updates and offering informal childminding. She is privileged to educate our three older children at home (Y4, Y2, R) and eager to meet our fourth, due in early January! Sarah is also our primary communicator with you, our prayer and financial support team.

Throughout the Bible, God's workers are encouraged and commissioned with words like these found in Haggai 2:4: *'Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the LORD Almighty.* **Pray** that we would be aware of, and strengthened by, His presence to faithfully do the specific work He has given to each of us, so that many more people may come to know Jesus through the Bible.

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THE NELSON FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN PARIS

Laura and her husband, Edward, moved to Paris in 2002, focussed on local evangelism, encouraging church-planting and training gospel workers. They planted a church in Ternes (www.ternes.fr) in 2007, in their area of central-west Paris – a wealthy, traditionally Catholic area with very little evangelical witness. The church has grown slowly from about 20 adults



to about 80, with a good number coming from the local area. Since Edward's death in 2020, Laura has continued working for Ternes Church on the pastoral team, with an emphasis on local evangelism and training women. She is also on the board of directors of an evangelical French publishing house, and involved in various regional and national initiatives training women and teaching the Bible at conferences around France. Her focus, and that of the children, remains sharing the gospel in a country where there are so few Christians or evangelical churches. The Lord has kindly given more opportunities to open the Bible with friends and neighbours, invite people to church and set up evangelistic Bible study groups. Laura and Edward also shared a passion for training up French gospel workers and to this end, Laura has been involved in setting up and running a Trust Fund in Edward's memory to encourage and fund internships and training of the younger generation (www.2timothee22.fr). There were 10 interns in 2021, 25 in 2022, 37 in 2023 and 38 signed up for this year, thanks to money raised. Laura organises monthly training sessions, mentoring and an annual retreat.

Nicolas (21), Samuel (19), Alexandre (17) and Lucie (14) are all keen to share the gospel with their friends at their different schools/universities, and enjoy serving in church. Please pray for the Lord to use the 2T22 Fund to raise up faithful workers for his harvest-field. Please pray for the Nelson children to grow and persevere with joy as they serve Jesus in different ways this year. And pray for the Eglise des Ternes and its witness in the 17th arrondissement of Paris, that it might be used by God to draw many to Christ.

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STREETLIGHT

SKATE PARK, WIMBORNE

StreetLight is a Christian charity, a community project that runs a skate park, café and soft play centre in Wimborne. We took on the massive warehouse in 2013 and have had an incredible journey so far.

The last year has been an interesting time for StreetLight as we have seen our impact in the community grow. We have become a destination for soft play and seen a larger attendance of families with small children. This has given us some amazing opportunities for building relationships with, and supporting, those families.

The skate park continues to be a great place for young people to hang out and build confidence. We have a team of eight skaters who regularly attend and learn how to run the park. We have seen them as a part of 'Team Nights', and we are building stronger relationships with them, supporting and getting alongside them. We have run three team trips this year, visiting other skate parks where the team enjoy eating together and experiencing a different skate park and community.



STREETLIGHT
COMMUNITY - SKATEPARK - CAFE - SOFT PLAY



Our skaters' Bible study has had a great year, with a consistent number of young people coming and exploring faith and praying together. Also enjoying free pizza!

This summer, we were also again able to offer skating for £1, meaning that many locals were able to enjoy an affordable time out, with financial constraints not being an issue. This, together with our free soft play, meant we were busy all summer with families and holiday-makers, which opened up new opportunities for conversations and relationship-building.

It has been really exciting this past year to see where God is taking StreetLight. We want to thank you all for your continued support in prayer and financial giving, enabling us to continue this ministry.

We have passed the ten-year mark and are excited as we look forward, with new things coming up. We are going to be opening up on more days and for longer hours, enabling more relationship-building with those in our community. We also plan to launch sessions for 5s and under.



Want to get involved? There are many needs, and a variety of ways in which you can help our project. StreetLight is looking to increase both its team of volunteers and the number of regular monthly supporters. If you'd like to offer practical, financial or prayerful support, please contact Andy Putt on 01202 848355 or andy@streetlightproject.org.uk

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TEARFUND

CHRISTIAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Christian relief and development charity Tearfund (www.tearfund.org) has for many years received gifts from our special offerings at Harvest and Christmas. This will be concentrated just at Christmas in future. Many church members are also individual supporters.



In common with many charities, Tearfund has faced financial challenges in the past year, and has reluctantly cut back on its campaigning and advocacy work in order to concentrate resources on core activities.

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Tearfund's key strategy in tackling poverty in almost all of the 50 countries they work in is **Church & Community Transformation** (CCT). Grounded in biblical teaching, this envisions and equips churches in practical ways to work with their local communities. We heard inspiring examples of communities engaging with CCT from Serena Dalton from Tearfund's Church Partnerships Executive who visited St John's in June, speaking in our morning service and at a Tearfund lunch.

It was one of two charities chosen by the Bovington Military Wives Choir to receive a donation of £1,000 from their concert held at St John's in March. In the year to mid-September (time of writing), we have sent gifts from church totalling £1,816.78. This included £1,362.19 towards the CCT programme and £454.59 to their Middle East Emergency Appeal.



Thank you so much for all your interest, prayers and support.

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SARAH HOPKINS

SIM, SOUTH AFRICA

I attended St John's when I moved back from college to Dorset in 2009. Living and working in Africa has always been on my heart, and the right opportunity came for me to move to Cape Town, South Africa, in January 2020 and use my Integrative Arts Psychotherapy training and sewing skills.

I have been doing lots of training this past year so I can run and teach a Christian trauma healing course for adults and children. The women and children I have done this with have been greatly helped with their trauma, and been able to see how Christ can help them. Please pray I can continue to bless people using this model, and that through it people can know Christ personally.

With the women I have been mentoring and teaching sewing to, please pray they can develop a business and start earning an income from what they make. Pray that I can train and equip church workers, so that more underprivileged people can be helped and come to know Christ. Pray that I can continue to use my skills to glorify God through my ministry. Pray for safety where I live and travel.

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CARLILE COLLEGE

NAIROBI, KENYA



The College is a Church Army Africa centre for training students in evangelism, pastoral care and ongoing theological education. From its beginnings in 1958 with eight students, it has to date trained over 2,000 students, preparing them for work back in their home countries throughout East Africa. It is currently led by an enthusiastic team under the Revd Dr Danson Mangi, General Secretary of Church Army Africa, who will be visiting St John's again in spring 2025. Carlile College has a Business School with a student population of over 1,000. However, the main focus of the College remains to train evangelists, and most of the graduates from the School of Mission are strategically placed within the Anglican Church in Africa, ministering through open-air and revival meetings, Bible study and much more besides.

Carlile College welcomes students from over 17 countries in and around East Africa, and deeply appreciates the partnership with St John's. Our ongoing collaboration is a treasured source of support as we resource two students each year from South Sudan to strengthen the Church in that country. They long for us to continue to pray, and to give financial and practical support to help this strategic work for God in East Africa.

Prayers for the College

- To partner with like-minded organisations to address socio-economic needs, especially among the urban poor.
- To develop a social transformation enterprise by setting up social ventures within communities.
- To obtain new scholarship opportunities for our students to increase enrolment.
- To seek partners in capital investment for premises & external reach.

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NOT ONLY BUT ALSO...

There are other people and organisations who aren't Global Action Partners but who receive a level of designated support from members of the congregation at St John's:

Nora Norrish has been a Partner with us for more than 50 years - from when she (daughter of St John's vicar at the time) responded to God's call on her life! However, a few years ago, she and her late husband Howard retired from ministry in the Muslim world with Operation Mobilisation and ceased to be official Partners. She now lives in Cambridge and, despite significant health challenges, is still involved in mission to Muslims locally.

Frank & Hennie Gray used to be part of the fellowship at St John's (Malcolm Gray is their son). Frank worked with the Far East Broadcasting Company (an evangelistic radio ministry) in various parts of the world for most of his adult life. He has largely retired from this, although he still participates in some board meetings and does some consultancy. Some in St John's continue to support them financially, and there are occasional news updates for prayer.

Zaelyn Academy, Nairobi

Zaelyn Academy 400 children

Yenger Education Centre 200 children

This year, the Kenyan Education Authority reduced the criteria for having a Junior Secondary School, so I was begged by parents, staff and children, of both schools to build a Junior Secondary School. Yenger is in progress. I visit three times a year, but did not go to Zaelyn in July 2024, as it was too dangerous in Kibera. My time is spent in CRE, Geography, English and craft lessons, which includes teaching how to look after 100 chickens! I also do some speaking during the 3-hour Sunday service in Go to All Nations Church in Yenger School. Sunday School now hosts a 5-day camp which the children love and has brought many new children unexpectedly!

Our link with Ringwood Junior School, where Sally-Ann Evans (a St John's member) is headteacher, continues well, with 62 penpals excitedly writing to

each other and 'meeting' on FaceTime links.
Thank you so much for your prayers,
support and interest over the last 14 years -
it is greatly appreciated.

Prayers please for: *How to ensure Christian ownership/co-directorship in the future, as my time runs out. God's continuing protection of children, staff and buildings which are so vulnerable in Kenya, especially in Kibera.*

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Please note that these folk do not normally receive undesignated funds from the Global Action account. However, you can still give to them via 'St John's Global Action' fund, but please make clear with your donation who you would like it to go to.



St. John's Wimborne
New Life, Full Life