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Supporting Your Away Team Partners

Our 'Away Team' partner Andy Harker writes.....We're hugely grateful for all those who have partnered with us over the years. Here are some of the things we have particularly appreciated:

1. Reminders that you are praying for us.

It is so encouraging to hear that we are being prayed for, especially when we discover folk have obviously been reading our prayer letters and praying about a particular issue. A one line email saying you were praying for us at a recent church prayer meeting is very heartening and humbling.

2. News and prayer requests from your side.

Many have told us they saw the 'do tell us what we can be praying for you' bit on our prayer letter, but didn't want to deluge/burden us with their issues. But please know that we really want to hear from you! It is a common experience for missionaries to email 40 or 50 people and get back only three or four responses - so don't worry about the deluge! Your mission partner wants to be involved in your mission, just as you are in ours; church prayer diaries, prayer requests, the anxieties and joys and challenges and opportunities in your lives. We try to pray regularly for our partners so having something current and specific to pray about is brilliant.

3. Calling.

Emails are good but calls are better. Skype, Whatsapp, Video messaging. A call with a Christian friend is a very special thing.

4. Sending.

It's lovely to get a card with a picture of the church family. A packet of chocolate buttons is very special. A handwritten letter is a wondrous thing. A postcard will be joyfully fixed to the fridge door. A subscription to Evangelicals Now (a kind older lady set up for us) has been fantastic. The key is to check before you send something. So ask your mission partner what their situation is, what they need and what sending option would work best.

5. Visiting.

This is a big ask and it isn't always possible, but there's nothing quite like someone visiting in terms of them understanding what we're doing and just to have good quality conversation together. There are different sorts of visits; a) a church team, b) the pastor (perhaps to also do some preaching), c) those exploring a calling to missions, d) church friends passing through or having a holiday nearby and catching up with us for a day, e) friends coming to just spend time with us. Visits are costly and require a lot of communication and planning but they can be a great joy.

6. Using us when we are back in the UK.

When we're back in the UK it's lovely to have opportunities to share about the work, and also to be useful to churches when we visit (preaching, reading, prayers, children's spot). Early communication is the key (six months ahead of a trip back to the UK) to discuss what is the best way for us to serve your church and help interested people to better understand what they are partnering with.

7. Asking good questions.

This is not an easy one. Some people have asked us great questions, e.g. What exactly are you doing? What cultural mistakes have you made recently? How encouraging is church for you? Questions that are less easy to answer include, How is Kenya? How is your Swahili? Are you having a good time?

8. Asking how we are doing with Jesus and being encouraged in Him.

We need that most of all. Whether it is by email, skype or in person. Missionaries overseas often struggle to get pastoral oversight and find Christian friends who are really willing to challenge us and speak into our lives about putting to death self-centredness and looking to Jesus; not grumbling but fighting for joy in our great future hope. Share something you have been learning at church recently. Ask us hard questions. Talk about Jesus!



SEND

The Harker family will be with us for World Mission Sunday on 20th May.

Remember you can keep up to date with our Away team by subscribing to their email updates (paper copies are available at the back of church) and there are details on our website too.

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Notes From the our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

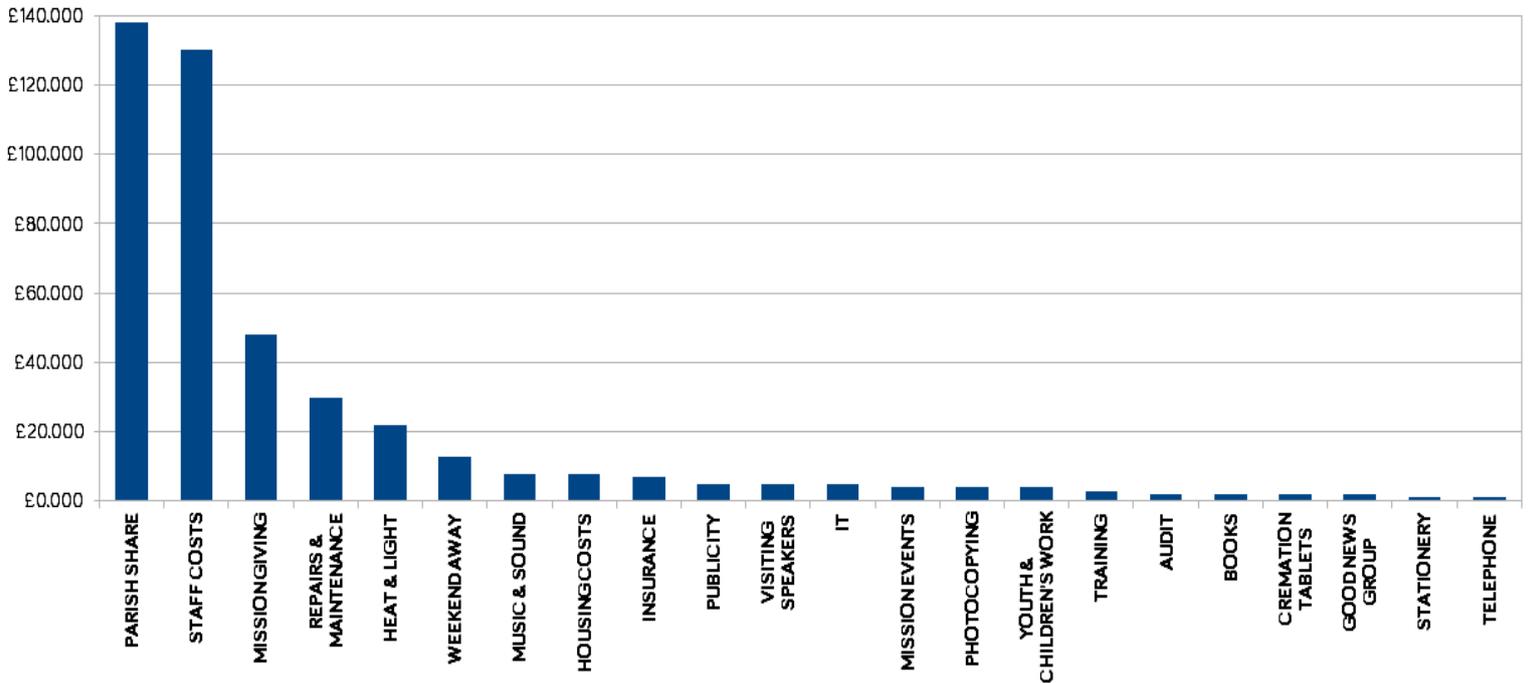
At our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Thursday 19th April, we had some changes to our PCC. Our sincere thanks go to those who are stepping down from the PCC - Mark Gilbert (Church Warden), Lydia Bazeley, Laurence Rodrigues-McGonagle and Margaret Higham. We are very grateful to God for you and your service to the church family - thank you very much. Paul Moran was re-elected as Church Warden. Karen Swift was elected as our new Church Warden and Stela Stansfield, Ric Turner and Louise Walsh were elected on to the PCC. Lois Ferguson was elected for Deanery Synod.

Our PCC are due to meet on the following dates; please pray for them all, thank you.

Tuesday 15th May, Monday 16th July, Saturday 8th September and Wednesday 14th November.

Those of you who came to the meeting will have seen Penny Robb jumping about with a couple of big sticks and Carl Fisher looking curiously at two tiny pieces of wood. This was our Treasurer's attempt to illustrate where all our money goes. Below is a graphical representation of those numbers. If you were not able to be there, ask somebody who was to explain more to you.

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> DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS <

17th & 24th
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Thurs 17th & 24th May 7.30-9pm
Christian Life & Witness Course
in Church
 Lead by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association team members.

19th
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Sat 19th May - Meet a Missionary (the Harker family) BBQ at Tom & Janet Thorp's House
 (89 Worden Lane, PR25 3BD)
 Please sign up at one of the hubs at the back of church if you plan to attend.



WHAT?

FREE Family Fun Event with Lunch



WHERE?

St. Andrew's Parish Hall
 Worden Lane, Leyland
 PR25 3EL



WHEN?

Saturday 9th June
 From 10am-12.30pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

Have a BLAST! at our family fun event on Saturday 9th June from 10am to 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. BLAST! Is a fun mix of activities for all the family with lunch included.
 No booking necessary - just turn up and enjoy the fun