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## COMPASSION

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Compassion is one of the charities St Michael's supports and is all about the 3 C's of;

- Children – those children living in extreme poverty in the poorest parts of 25 of the poorest counties on the planet.
- Church – who can one trust locally to deliver help to these children? Compassion partners with some 8,000 churches in these countries. Churches who have a heart for children.
- Christ – doing this because we are repeatedly encouraged as Christians to take care of the poor and vulnerable.

Compassion works in two ways – one is to find sponsors in 13 countries (including the UK) for individual children who can exchange letters and follow a child's progress. The other is to fund and deliver what Compassion call 'interventions' that benefit the communities where the children live: examples are the supply of clean water, the provision of pre and post-natal care, nutrition, vaccinations plus critical support and training for mums, initiatives to tackle malnutrition or emergency relief after a disaster. It is these projects that the money St Michael's gives is used. But please also think of sponsoring a child.

The need is huge, it is estimated there are currently nearly 385 million children

living in extreme poverty. This number is expected to rise as a result of the economic consequences of Covid-19.

Poverty has face. It's a girl forced to marry because her family can't support her. A boy sent to work on the rubbish heap, rather than the classroom. From the womb to early adulthood, Compassion stands for children, giving those born into the toughest of circumstances the opportunities they deserve.

Much more can be found on the website; [www.compassionuk.org/about-us/](http://www.compassionuk.org/about-us/)

Compassion UK is based locally in Fleet and are often looking for volunteers (but not currently whilst the country is in lockdown).

Thank you for supporting Compassion. Having been to a number of the projects in Kenya, Tanzania, Togo and Peru, I can only say it is really making such a difference to lives of those children.

**Jon Toohey,**  
**Compassion Volunteer**



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### *Sandhurst Churches Flower Non-Festival*

The weekend of 23 May would have been our Flower Festival which was not able to happen in its usual form.

However, we have put together a document of photos, poetry, Bible readings and quotes on a floral theme, which can be downloaded from here: [www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/news](http://www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/news).

**Louise Ratcliffe,**  
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