

St Joseph's Malvern One World Group Report

Activites Report

As in so many other parts of our life, Covid reduced our level of activity in 2021, and we are only now resuming meetings and making fresh plans.

Through the year, we continued to be in touch with the projects that the parish is supporting:

- Sister Sylvia in Bolivia, working with prayer and joy and constant practical help to care for her community in her remote parish in the highlands of Bolivia.
- Reaching the Unreached (RTU) in Tamil Nadu, Southern India, helping Father Antony and his team maintain their small children's villages.
- Tanzania is the other country where we have provided support in 2021. We planned a new programme working with our primary school – but Covid put it on hold.

From Bolivia, Sister Sylvia was her usual brilliantly communicating self even through this difficult time, and we have taken up in prayer the various people she has brought to us. We also made sure that the Bulletin reported her news, as the poor quality of health resources in the highlands where she lives and works has inevitably meant much suffering from Covid, and our moral, financial and prayer support means much.

In regard to Southern India, we continued to receive news about RTU particularly via Mo Houlden, its intermediary in the UK. RTU works to create and foster small villages (extended families really) for children whose families for various reasons cannot provide the support needed. The problem has become particularly acute with Covid.

Tanzania is the other country where we have provided support over several years: in 2021. We began a new programme working with our primary school in the partnership they have for exchange of teachers there. We had hoped to help develop the visit of a teacher to Malvern in 2022, but it was put on hold given the difficulties the school faced with Covid and the difficulties of travel faced with Covid restrictions.

A new activity for the group during lock down, an activity which has widened its reach, is a Saturday 12 noon zoom meeting to say the Angelus together, share any concerns we have, and pray for people dear to us who are sick. The prayer is centred on the particular concerns around the One World Group projects, but has naturally come to encompass other concerns as new members joined.

Financial Report

Through the One World Group, the parish supports three projects working with people in need: Jesuit Missions in Guyana; Reaching the Untreached in India; Sr Sylvia in Bolivia. There is an information sheet on the projects at the back of the church.

We give you our Annual Report accounting for your generous donations:

Income and Expenses 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Income Categories	
Christmas Thanksgiving	925.08
Sr Sylvia (Restricted)	3,580.00
Other	2,188.27
Total Income Categories	6,693.35
Expense Categories	
Sister Sylvia	5,758.27
Total Expense Categories	5,758.27
Movement in 2020	935.08
Balance at 1 January 2021	12,447.70
Balance at 31 December 2021	13,382.78

The OWG account is a virtual account within the Parish accounting system. It is maintained by the OWG Treasurer and audited by the Parish Accountant. The Diocesan Financial Year starts on 1 January.

In general all income from appeals and other sources is for any or all of our causes. However, in some cases a donation is to be used for only one of the projects or income is derived from a special event for a specific purpose; these are marked 'Restricted'.

Income from the Christmas Thanksgiving appeal of 2020 enters partly in the 2020 accounts and partly in the 2021 accounts. There were no Christmas Appeals at mid-year 2021 or Christmas 2021. However, many in the parish still contributed to the group and this income is entered as 'Other'. There were two appeals for Sr Sylvia, the first for her work in Boliva, the second to cover costs when she got trapped in the UK because of Covid travel restrictions.

The OWG had at 31 December 2021 £13,382.78 available to allocate to the parish's causes; £10,000.00 of this is in the Meg Robinson Fund. Plans for disbursing some of this fund continue to be postponed because of the Covid situation.