

SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON and ST PAUL'S

Introducing our 2023 Lent Projects

Chernobyl Children's Life Line (CCLL)

Supplying much needed support for families and children in war-torn Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugees in Poland



The Footprints Project



A Dorset charity bringing a sense of community, hope and increased self-worth to socially excluded people, reducing reoffending and building stronger communities by assisting ex-offenders both before and after release.



Your **Faith in Action Committee** has chosen these causes carefully. In each case we are reaching some of the most needy people in their communities. We choose small charities with whom we have links and for whom our funding can make a real difference.

Last year, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing **six thousand five hundred and eighty-eight pounds** from across the parish. Our charities were delighted with our prayer support, our interest and of course our generosity.

I hope very much we can match this again this year. The whole charity sector is greatly stretched by a combination of rising costs AND increased demand for their services.

Please read this leaflet and have a look at the links we have provided.

Many thanks,

John Crossman, Chair FIAC



THE HELPING HAND
FOR UKRAINE
A DIVISION OF CCLL
Reg. Charity 1144274 5008018

CCLL Sherborne and Yeovil Branch

Chernobyl Children's Life Line supports families and children still affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Ukraine 37 years ago. The health effects persist, affecting second and third generations of those first exposed. These people are also deeply affected by the Ukraine war, which has caused fires and disturbed the soils around Chernobyl releasing more radioactivity. Local people, desperate for food and warmth, are growing their own produce and burning local wood, all of which is contaminated and exposes them to further risk. CCLL nationally, working with a Ukrainian Charity, Eleon, provides a wide range of support, including sending vital supplies to Ukraine, arranging long-term care for disabled children, and support for Ukrainian refugees in Poland.



Sherborne and Yeovil Branch are fundraising this year to support Ukrainian children's mental health, especially in Borodyanka, north of Kiev, where the local school has been totally destroyed. We are providing text and exercise books and also lamps, power packs, crafts and games to install in air raid shelters which are dark and damp. We hope to make school as normal as possible and that this will prove a distraction for the children from the sound of bombs exploding around them.

Our work includes helping evacuate disabled people, children and young people to evacuate to Poland, where there a massive under resourcing for the 4 million refugees (10% of the Polish population). We have provided relief breaks in Poland for 150 children.

In the past you supported us when we welcomed Ukrainian children from Borodyanka to Yeovil, Sherborne and the surrounding area, but now all our efforts are focused on supporting families nearer to their home region. Your donations will go directly to support our relief work especially in Borodyanka.

"We hope that by supporting the education of children at this school it will enable them to have some sense of normality and provide some form of distraction from the dreadful situation they find themselves in." Ann Horrocks CCLL Sherborne and Yeovil Link



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Footprints Project



We train volunteers in the community to provide person-centred support for people who have been in prison, have received a community sentence or a caution from the Police, enabling them to lead purposeful, fulfilling lives, contributing positively to the local community.

Many ex-prisoners are people who have grown up in care, suffered abuse in childhood, or have no formal qualifications and 70% were unemployed before going into custody. 1 in 6 are homeless. Without support, a majority will reoffend within twelve months.

We help by providing a mentor to support each person in prison within Dorset and who are preparing to return to the local area. Based on their individual needs we give them help with housing, education training and employment, mental and physical health, substance abuse and family, helping them to reintegrate into society. Most of all we give hope and respect.

We meet our clients at the prison gate and transport them to where they need to be and then provide on-going support. Face-to-face and by phone - and this is for as long as they need it. We offer tailored support for women also, with the additional challenges that they can face.

"Thank you for your support. It will enable us to train more volunteers and better support more ex-prisoners." Caroline Stevens, Director

<https://twitter.com/footprintspro>
www.footprintsproject.co.uk/our-vision



How can I help?

Make a Donation

You can give in THREE different ways. **Please make sure you give your name if you are registered with us for Gift Aid. (To register use the form on the Abbey website or from the Parish Office).**

1. **By cash or cheque** in an envelope clearly marked “Lent Project”, and post to the Parish Office, Abbey Close, Sherborne, DT9 3LQ. Please include your name ON the envelope if you wish us to claim Gift Aid - we can only do that if we hold your enduring Gift Aid Declaration.

2. **Donation by BACS** please use the account details below:

Account Name Sherborne PCC

Sort Code 40-52-40

Account Number 00008483

Please use the reference: your surname followed by LP, e.g. SmithLP

3. **Donate directly by debit or credit card on the Abbey website:**

<https://www.sherborneabbey.com/donations/>

Click on the red card. Click “GIVE ONE-OFF” button. Click GIVE AS GUEST and enter your email. Enter the amount and tick YES for gift aid if you’re a UK taxpayer and you wish us to claim a further 25% of your gift. In the support box please write LENT 2023 and then complete the rest of the form.

Please pray for our two organisations:

For CCLL:

- For an end to the war and support for those affected by it.
- For more help and support for those still experiencing the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.
- For the safety of all those helping relief suffering in Ukraine at this time.

For The Footprints Project:

- For the people supported to find peace, reconciliation with their community, and the strength to persevere through their difficulties.
- For the provision of volunteers to join the team in Dorset and for their skill, knowledge and empathy.

And for all charities:

- that in these tough times they get the resources they need, for good leadership, and care and concern for all those they help.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT