

**SHERBORNE ABBEY with
CASTLETON and SAINT PAUL'S**

LENT PROJECT 2025

This year, through our prayers, interest and gifts, we are supporting

CONFIDENT CHILDREN OUT OF CONFLICT



Confident Children out of Conflict, CCC runs a home for orphaned and abandoned children and young people in Juba, South Sudan, which has seen much conflict over recent years. CCC provides community outreach, education support, skills development and residential care without discrimination and in partnership with other stakeholders. Our support will help provide much needed equipment and the further development of their new site.

HILFIELD FRIARY

Anglican Franciscan Friary in rural Dorset



Hilfield is an open and inclusive community following Christ in the way of St Francis. It is a place of calm and recollection where the community live simply and thankfully, caring for the land with which they have been entrusted and welcoming all people, especially the poor and marginalised of our society. We will support their environmental and hospitality work.

You can find out more about our projects at:
www.sherborneabbey.com/



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Background



“As a Christian organization, CCC commits to fulfil Matthew 25: 35-45 (*Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?..*). It advocates for children’s rights and cares for the most vulnerable children and young people in Juba – a city that has experienced terrible violence and killing since 2013, after South Sudan’s independence from Sudan in 2011.

How is CCC helping?

CCC in Juba provides for 50 orphaned and abandoned children and young people, 32 girls and 18 boys, including 3 under-2-year-olds rescued from the conflict in Sudan, providing residential care, security and protection from abuse, education support, skills development and community outreach, without discrimination.

What is the impact so far?

- girls supported to board at a local secondary school.
- protection for two brothers orphaned by the death of their father in a revenge killing and now under threat themselves.
- a girl rescued from an arranged marriage.
- a boy helped with education and trained to be a pilot.
- two girls trained and helped to set up their own tailoring business.

How are we going to help?

CCC no longer receives funding from the United Nations, even for basic needs. We supported CCC in 2020 and since then it has moved to its new site, and built the girls’ dormitory to which we contributed. South Sudan is an extremely poor country with high inflation and malnutrition and continuing inter-communal violence which orphans many children. We have decided to support some of its poorest, most vulnerable children again because they need us. Our contribution will help with food for the children, school fees and the development of the new site.

Robert Hayward, a member of FIAC commits much time to South Sudan and visited the project for FIAC. His visits will enable us to monitor, record and celebrate progress.

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The Franciscan community at Hilfield has been a resource for the local community for over 100 years. We live a simple, disciplined daily life, bearing a specifically Franciscan witness of reconciliation and peace with the whole of creation. The community usually has 4 brothers and 15-20 long term residents who volunteer within the community.

What does the Hilfield Community do?

Our ecological work includes protecting and enhancing the wildlife on our land and in partnership with adjoining estates, creating space for nature. This includes controlling water drainage, reducing flooding, habitat creation, and demonstrating how to reduce our harmful effects on nature, including lowering our carbon footprint and reducing our waste and increasing re-use and recycling.



A vital part of our work is in offering training and experiences to others including school children and other groups to enthuse and encourage them to do similar work.



We are a welcoming community offering respite from the hurly-burly of everyday life. A chance to recover and rebuild in lovely surroundings and wishing to partake in simple worship together and spiritual support and guidance for those in our local area and further abroad.

How are we going to help?

We are focusing our support on the ecological work and spiritual/hospitality support. Our support will be used to support the expenses of the community especially in the areas above, for example, buying equipment and consumables for the ecological work.

<https://www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk>



How can I donate?

You can donate in one of FOUR ways.

1. By cash or cheque

In an envelope clearly marked "Lent project", and handed in at a service or post to the Parish Office, Abbey Close, Sherborne, DT9 3LQ. Include your name ON the envelope if we can claim Gift Aid – and we hold your enduring Gift Aid Declaration.

2. Donation by BACS

Please use the account details below and **use the reference LENT 2025** otherwise we will not receive your donation:

Account Name	Sherborne PCC	Sort Code	40-52-40
Account Number	00008483		
Reference	SURNAME followed by LP25, eg SmithLP25		

3. Donate directly on the Abbey website www.sherborneabbey.com/

Click on the brown DONATE box top right, then the red card and on the next screen, the red "GIVE" button. Either sign in or give as a guest.

Enter your amount and scroll down to complete. You can choose to make your donation anonymously.

The following screens process your method of payment and give an option for us to claim the 25% gift aid if you agree.

4. From your phone



Use this QR code to reach the donation page of our website and follow 3 above.

Please pray for our two projects

CONFIDENT CHILDREN OUT OF CONFLICT

- For all children and young people affected by conflict in South Sudan.
- For an end to conflict and violence and the goodwill and courage of leaders to build a better country.
- For all those who support and enable us to bring security and confidence to the children and young people whose needs we serve.

HILFIELD FRIARY

- For the community's environmental work in sustainability.
- For its ministry of hospitality.
- For its witness for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.