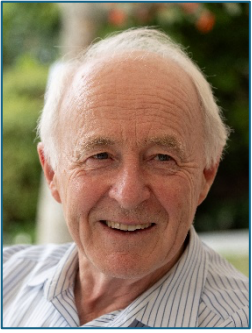


Global Action 2026





Welcome to the 2026 edition of the St John's Global Action booklet. The members of the Global Action Team warmly commend this to you, and pray that it will encourage you as you play your part in God's work worldwide.

Who are St John's Global Action Partners?

St John's currently supports:

Malcolm & Kerstin Gray, & Amy (WEC)

David & Janet Wilkinson, Joel, Isaac & Theo (Wycliffe/SIL Senegal)

John & Sarah Gieske, Elizabeth, Andrew, Joanna & Esther (Wycliffe/SIL Senegal)

Laura Nelson, Samuel, Alex & Lucie; Nicolas & Lucy (Paris)

Justin & Georgie, Reuben & Amber (Middle East)

Ben & Jenny, Lucy, Esther, Daniel & Natalie (Middle East)

Sarah Coleman (née Hopkins) (SIM/South Africa)

StreetLight Centre (Community Skatepark and Café, Wimborne)

Tearfund (Christian relief & development charity)

Carlile Theological College (Fees for two students, Nairobi, Kenya)

Many of the Partners above have grown up in the church fellowship, received their calling while part of our community and all have a personal connection with St John's.

What does support look like?

Our Partners keep in touch by sending regular news and prayer requests, and we encourage all church members and home groups to support one or more of them in prayer, by personal encouragement and, if possible, financially. They love to hear from people at St John's, so do use this booklet to find out about them and how to get in touch with them: their link person is listed on their page.

In terms of financial support, through the generosity of God's people here at St John's, we have been able to pass on a total of around £60,000 during the past year. This has previously come from specific gifts to St John's Global Action Fund, but now comes from general church funds. Some supporters still give via the Global Action Fund; however, we are encouraging them to switch this giving to the general church account. Gift-aided donations by UK taxpayers allow an

additional 20% to be reclaimed from HMRC, meaning that a gift of £100 becomes £120.

New developments

In the past year, Global Action has gone onto the Hubb where you can find more information about our Partners (e.g. their last interview in a church service) if you are logged in (for confidentiality reasons). You can also sign up for news/prayer letters so please do make use of this.

What does the Global Action Team do?

The Global Action Team (a sub-committee of the PCC) meets regularly to pray for the Partners, to consider their financial needs and to decide how gifts should be allocated. We explore how to encourage global mission interest and involvement in the church. We also publicise the work of Global Action Partners, plan their visits to St John's and encourage church members to consider how they could be involved in global mission themselves. Current team members are listed below, so please feel free to talk to any of us about any aspect of the church's global action.

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Malcolm & Kerstin Gray

Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ (UK & Ireland Branch)

Malcolm attended St John's Church with his family in the 1990s, being sent by the church to Thailand as a short-term missionary aged 20. He married Kerstin whom he met at Bible college, and they served together in Thailand for 16 years. The Gray family returned to the UK in 2018 when Malcolm and Kerstin were



appointed as co-directors of WEC UK & Ireland. They are now responsible for about 120 WEC members serving in the UK and Ireland, whilst also equipping, sending and supporting about 90 missionaries serving around the world.

WEC International reaches out to people who have little or no access to the good news of Jesus Christ, particularly where there is no church. WEC is a global fellowship of about 2,000 members with 80 nationalities serving in 95 countries.

Please pray for Malcolm and Kerstin to lead WEC UK & Ireland with grace, wisdom and faith-filled boldness as they pursue the vision of seeing the least-reached people groups of the world reached with the marvellous good news of Jesus Christ. This includes inspiring a new generation of missionaries, equipping and providing appropriate pastoral care for each one.

There are many short-term and long-term mission opportunities in the UK and overseas, including ways to commit to praying for the nations.

Go to www.wec-uk.org to find out more and get involved!

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Wycliffe Bible Translators envisions a world where everyone can know Jesus through the Bible.

David & Janet Wilkinson

David joined St John's with his parents, Trevor & Fiona Wilkinson, in 2000. After university, he was sent out to Senegal by St John's for an initial assignment with Wycliffe in 2010. He then married Janet, and they have been serving together in Senegal since



2014. Their three boys Joel (12), Isaac (9) and Theo (6) attend a local French school there. After many years leading a translation team producing scriptures in a local language (Gusilay), David was appointed Director of Wycliffe's partner organisation in Senegal (SIL) in May 2024; Janet serves as Finance Manager.

The organisation aims to serve language communities and provide people with access to Scripture in the languages they understand best. They've been working on a vision that desires to foster greater connections with the Church, particularly among the younger generation. They are also currently focused on equipping the SIL Centre based in Thiès where they live to serve as a training hub for West Africa by increasing capacity, both in terms of buildings and personnel.

Thank you for praying for us that we would manage to juggle our work and family responsibilities well as we play our part in making God's glory more known across Senegal.

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John & Sarah Gieske

Sarah was commissioned from St John's in 2006 and met John (from the USA) in Senegal in 2011; Peter Breckwoldt married us in 2013. Our children Elizabeth (Y5), Andrew (Y3), Joanna (Y1) and Esther (b. January 2025) are growing up in Senegal, educated at home by Sarah.



This year John helped record Matthew's Gospel in Wolof (Senegal's main language) and several Epistles in Jola-Karon. He also enjoyed recording local musicians singing Scripture-based songs in three languages, his favourite being the Wolof Christmas songs. Training has been another key focus: he led an audio production course to raise up a new generation of Christian audio technicians around the world, and taught video dubbing to technicians from around French-speaking Africa.

The coming year is full of possibilities yet to be finalised. John expects to record the book of Proverbs in Wolof and, potentially, Genesis to Joshua in Nkeniso (pseudonym). We look forward to helping other translation teams record Scripture and Scripture-based materials for their own people. Pray that many would come to faith, and many more would grow in faith, as they hear the word of God in the languages that speak to them best. *'Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.'* (Romans 10:17)

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The Nelson family

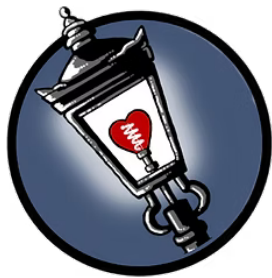
Laura Nelson grew up at St John's and went on to train for gospel ministry, meeting her husband Edward while training. They moved to Paris in 2002 to serve in church planting and training gospel workers. Their denomination had



two churches in central Paris then, and now has just started the eighth and ninth congregations in a small but healthy network of local churches, reaching different neighbourhoods in Paris. Since Edward's death in 2020, Laura's role has turned into one of supporting ongoing church-planting initiatives in various ways. She works for the Eglise des Ternes (planted with Edward in their neighbourhood in 2007) as an evangelist and women's worker, but also heads up 2 Timothée 2.2, a foundation supporting ministry internships in churches, for young French men and women training for full-time ministry. Over the past five years they have trained more than 80 young people, a number of whom have gone on to lead or plant churches. She is also on the board of a publishing company, BLF Editions, on the board of City to City Europe, and writes and speaks at various conferences and training events. It is particularly thrilling this year to have her eldest son Nicolas, newly married to Lucy, both in the internship programme at the newest church plant in Paris, Eglise de la Montagne.

Please pray for all the family: Laura, Nicolas (22) and Lucy, Samuel (20), Alex (18) and Lucie (15) to grow in Christ-likeness and love for our neighbours who need to be reconciled to God through Jesus! Please pray that we would persevere when things are slow and would keep praying and sowing the seeds of God's Word.

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Streetlight

The StreetLight Project in Wimborne is a vibrant community hub and Christian charity based in a converted warehouse on Stone Lane Industrial Estate. Opened in 2014, it combines an indoor skate park, café and soft-play area with a welcoming space for people of all ages and abilities to connect, learn and have fun. Alongside skate sessions and lessons, it offers free activities and family-friendly spaces, and also hosts community events, private hires and faith-based outreach – bringing together the local community in one lively venue.

Demonstrating God's love in action

Every welcoming smile, skate lesson and free coffee is a tangible expression of Christ's love. StreetLight isn't about preaching first; rather, we focus on listening to people's struggles and sharing Christ with them through these encounters. It's about being good news: creating a space where people feel valued, safe and seen, regardless of their background or belief.

Building genuine community and belonging

The Centre embodies the Christian call to 'love your neighbour' by bringing together families, young people and volunteers into a shared space of care and connection. It mirrors the Early Church's spirit – community formed through hospitality, shared meals and mutual support.

Creating opportunities for faith conversations

In relaxed, relational settings like the café or skate park, authentic conversations about hope, meaning and God can naturally unfold. It's a soft-entry way for people who might never step into a church to encounter Christian faith through friendship and trust.

None of the work – and we mean none of it – is possible without Christ first making it possible. He provides the income through his people, and brings those who need support and prayer to our doors. We have seen God answer too many prayers for us not to trust solely in him for the entire project. Thanks be to God!

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As a church, we have supported Christian relief and development charity Tearfund (www.tearfund.org) for many years. Our major donations

are at Christmas, and this year, we have sent a total of £4,341: Christmas gifts of £2,341 went to support work in drought-ridden areas of Kenya, and £2,000 was allocated from general church funds towards Tearfund's ongoing Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Appeal. Individual church members are also financial and prayer supporters.

Like many humanitarian charities, Tearfund has faced a particularly challenging year financially, the major impact being the sudden and savage cuts in US funding at the end of January. Tearfund had been receiving \$11m annually from USAID; in the two worst-affected countries, the reduction tragically led (among other things) to the immediate closure of cholera and malnutrition programmes in South Sudan, and of agricultural support, water and sanitation services for conflict-affected communities in DRC. The lives of tens of thousands of the world's poorest, most vulnerable people were made even more desperate and precarious.

During the past year, Tearfund's campaigning focussed on attempts to get a legally-binding global plastics treaty – vital for communities living in poverty. Sadly, the latest round of UN negotiations ended without agreement or a clear way forward, but the push for change won't stop.

Despite the devastating aid cuts, Tearfund's overall solvency and mission are not affected, and they continue to follow Jesus where the need is greatest. Their Bible-based Transforming Communities programme is currently envisioning and equipping over 57,000 churches to work in effective, practical ways with their local communities.

On behalf of Tearfund, may I thank you for your interest, prayers and support.

Link person: Jean Morgan jean24morgan@gmail.com

Sarah Coleman

I attended St John's when I moved back from college to Dorset in 2009. Living and working in Africa has always been on my heart, and the right opportunity came for me to move to Cape Town, South Africa, in January 2020, and to use my Integrative Arts Psychotherapy training and sewing skills.



I have been doing lots of training this past year to enable me to run and teach a Christian trauma healing course for adults and children. The women and children I have done this with have been greatly helped with their trauma and been able to see how Christ can help them. Please pray that I can continue to bless people using this model and that, through it, people will come to know Christ personally for themselves.

Please pray:

- *that the women I have been mentoring and teaching sewing to would be able to develop a business and start earning an income from what they make;*
- *that I will be able to train and equip church workers so that more underprivileged people can be helped and can come to know Christ;*
- *that I can continue to use my skills to glorify God through my ministry;*
- *for safety where I live and travel;*
- *for the safe arrival of Baby Coleman.*

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Carlile College is a Church Army Africa centre for training students in evangelism, pastoral care and ongoing theological education. From its beginnings in 1958 with eight students, it has to date trained over 2,000 students, preparing them for work back in their home

countries throughout East Africa. It is currently led by an enthusiastic team under the Revd Dr Danson Mangi, General Secretary of Church Army Africa, who has visited and preached at St John's in recent years.

Carlile College has a Business School with a student population of over 1,000. However, the main focus of the college remains to train evangelists, and most of the graduates from the School of Mission are strategically placed within the Anglican Church in Africa, ministering through open-air and revival meetings, Bible study and much more besides.

Carlile College welcomes students from over 17 countries in and around East Africa, and deeply appreciates the partnership with St John's. Our ongoing collaboration is a treasured source of support as we resource two students each year from South Sudan to strengthen the Church in that country. They long for us to continue to pray, and to give financial and practical support to help this strategic work for God in East Africa.

Prayers for the college:

- *To partner with like-minded organisations to address socio-economic needs, especially among the urban poor.*
- *To develop a social transformation enterprise by setting up social ventures within communities.*
- *To obtain new scholarship opportunities for our students to increase enrolment.*
- *To seek partners in capital investment for premises & external reach.*

Not only but also...

Noel & Helen Harrison



Noel has recently taken on a senior executive role with a mission organisation which focuses on reaching Muslims around the world. He is using his management, financial and legal skills to guide this organisation as a full-time member of staff for five years on a self-supporting basis. Helen is a key support to enable Noel to undertake this role. They do not

require any financial support, but greatly value the prayers of the St John's congregation. They issue a regular news and prayer letter, which they would be pleased to send you. To receive this, contact

noelharrison16@gmail.com

Lynn Johnson & Zaelyn Academy



For the last 15 years, Lynn has devoted extensive time to being Director of Zaelyn Academy (400 pupils) in Nairobi's Kibera slum. A number of St John's members have consistently supported this work, and Lynn is so thankful for your prayers, support and interest. There is an ongoing and

thriving link between Zaelyn pupils and children at Ringwood Junior School, where Sally-Ann Evans (a St John's member) is headteacher.

Recently, Lynn was asked by Zaelyn parents, staff and children to build a secondary school. As a result, Yenger School (see picture) with 200 pupils is in progress in northern Kenya. Lynn is actively involved in managing the development work week-to-week and tries to visit twice or three times a year, spending time teaching some lessons and also preaching at Go to All Nations Church in the school. For information contact: lynn.nairobi@gmail.com

Please pray for the success of efforts to ensure Christian ownership/co-directorship of the schools in the future, and for God's continuing protection of children, staff and buildings which are so vulnerable in Kenya, especially Zaelyn in Kibera.

What about you?

We would ask all members of St John's to receive a regular prayer and newsletter from at least one of our Partners, and to support them in prayer. Many of us already support several of them, and look forward to news dropping into our Inboxes. It's a great way to join in God's worldwide mission.

More than half of our Home Growth Groups have 'adopted' a Partner to support by regularly praying for them, and we would encourage the rest to consider doing this too.

We would also like to encourage young people to have some short-term mission experience abroad, and in the past, we have given some support to those going on a YWAM Discipleship School or with other organisations.

There are increasing opportunities to support mission agencies as a volunteer, and we are aware of many people in our congregation who are serving in this way. We would like to encourage people in this sort of involvement, particularly those in retirement who could use their skills and experience, and/or who are willing to serve as trustees. Do feel free to contact David Morgan (david24morgan@gmail.com) if you would like to know more about this possibility.

'There ... was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb ... And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."'

Revelation 7:9-10



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