

## Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Our Value this half term is **COMMUNITY**

### Harvest Appeal 2023 - Let's crack food poverty at home and in Uganda

For Harvest 2023, St Andrew's have decided to help those in need of food - both in the local area and in Uganda, Africa. For our Harvest appeal, we are asking the children to contribute to either collection, of both if families are able:

- **For the local food bank** - Children may bring in packeted or tinned food and/or toiletries which will be passed on to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank to help those in need across the local area. These will be collected in classrooms and displayed in the school hall until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- **For the people of Uganda** - The children will be coming home next week with decorated envelopes. If you would like to make a kind donation to help buy chickens for those living in poverty, please put it in the envelope and return to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you in advance.

#### About Mission Direct

Mission Direct is a Hertfordshire-based Christian mission organisation that focuses on demonstrating the love of Jesus to materially poor areas of the world. Together with our Christian partners in these communities, we support long-lasting and sustainable change.

In addition to providing our expertise and sending financial resources, we also invite volunteers to experience two weeks of short term mission as part of achieving the longer term help in these communities.

If you are interested in joining a two week mission trip, or if you would just like further information, please feel free to get in touch or look at our website. Also, if your church would like us to organise a bespoke team just for your group, we would also love to help you with this.

For more information contact Mission Direct at one of the following:  
[info@missiondirect.org](mailto:info@missiondirect.org)  
01582 720 056  
[www.missiondirect.org](http://www.missiondirect.org)

#### Supporting the Harvest Appeal

We have produced a range of resources to help your church or school as you support the Harvest Appeal. These include: ideas for churches, activities for children and young people, Ugandan recipes, a collection box template, posters, editable posters and flyers, and a video. These can be downloaded from [www.stalbandsdiocese.org/parishsupport/growing-community/harvest-appeal-2023](http://www.stalbandsdiocese.org/parishsupport/growing-community/harvest-appeal-2023)

Depending on how much is raised, some other food poverty projects in Kumi might also be supported.

#### How to send donations

This year all donations are being made direct to Mission Direct, who will keep a record of the transactions for Bishop Alan to see, and will ensure that a thank you and receipt is sent.

For instructions for the various ways that you can donate, please go to [www.missiondirect.org/bishops-harvest-appeal-2023](http://www.missiondirect.org/bishops-harvest-appeal-2023) or scan the QR code.



Scan to make a donation

#### Harvest Prayer

God of abundance and grace, whose Son, Jesus Christ, proclaimed good news to the poor and fed the hungry: we pray your blessing on the schools and families of Uganda.

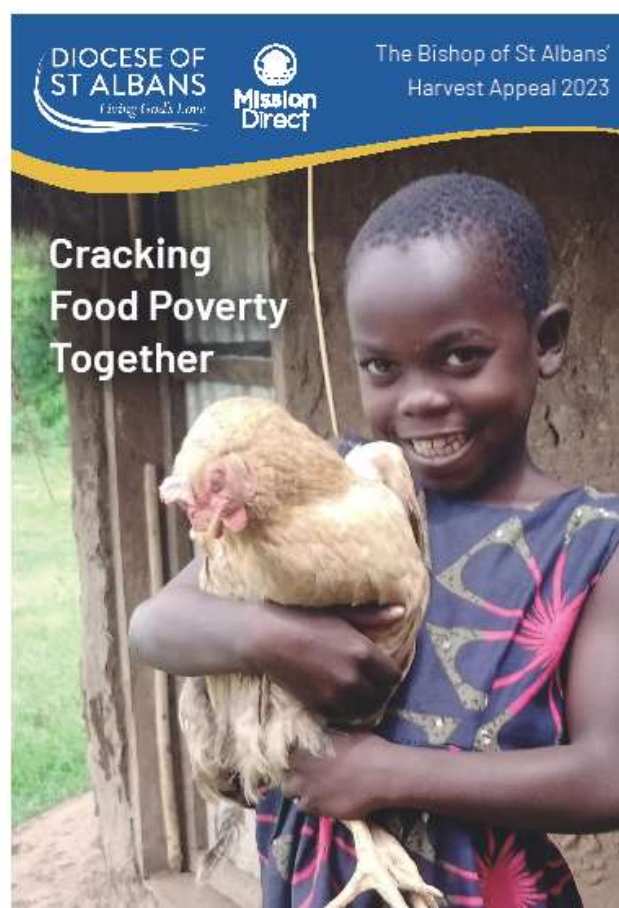
May we, your Church, overflow with generosity and joy.

In our giving may we have the imagination and courage to share our resources with all.

And may your Gospel of salvation and hope draw people throughout the world ever deeper into you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

£5	Will buy one fruit tree to provide additional nutrition.
£18	Will pay for three chickens to be given to a family, which can provide over 400 eggs a year.
£340	Can support a vulnerable family's annual supply of essential foods.



## Pupil Parliament

This week Mrs Dimond met with the 'Teaching and Learning' and 'Worship, Vision and Values' cabinets. The children helped to create a child-friendly version of our Pupil Behaviour, Anti-bullying and Discipline Policy. This will be shared with the whole school community including parents and carers later this half term.



*Worship, Vision and Values*



*Teaching and Learning*

## Collective Worship

Parents and Carers are invited to join us for Collective Worship on Tuesday mornings throughout this term. Worship starts at 9.10 am and lasts about 20-30 minutes.

As space is limited in the hall we have allocated the following dates for each class. Nursery class invitation will follow after Christmas.

Year 6	Tuesday, 31 October
Year 5	Tuesday, 7 November
Year 4	Tuesday, 14 November
Year 3	Tuesday, 21 November
Year 2	Tuesday, 28 November
Year 1	Tuesday, 5 December
Reception	Tuesday, 12 December

## School lunches

School lunches are provided free of charge for children in Reception and KS1. For children in KS2 lunches cost £3.20 per day and payment is online via the School Gateway. Please can we remind parents that lunches must be paid for in advance (**pay as you go**) and your account may be frozen if it is in arrears. Thank you.

## Our School Development Plan

### **School Development Priorities – St Andrew's three main priorities 2023-2024:**

- 1 For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
- 2 To improve children's emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
- 3 To improve the school's carbon footprint and the children's understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

## **Diary Dates 2023/2024**

**\*\* Parents and carers are invited to the events that are highlighted \*\***

**Friday 29/09/2023 – Friends' of St Andrew's (PTA) Welcome Disco for everyone**

Wednesday, 4/10/2023 – Individual and Sibling Photos (school uniform please)

Thursday, 5/10/2023 – Individual and Sibling Photos (school uniform please)

Friday, 6/10/2023 – Food Bank collection date

**Wednesday, 11/10/2023 – EYFS Come and See Morning - 9.10am until 10.10am**

**Thursday, 12/10/2023 – Y5 Aylmerton 'Come and See' 2.45pm until 3.15pm**

Friday, 13/10/2023 – Return Harvest envelopes to school

**Monday 23/10/2023 – Friday, 27/11/2023 Half Term**

**Tuesday, 31/10/2023 – Year 6 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Tuesday, 07/11/2023 – Year 5 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Wednesday, 8/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm**

**Thursday, 9/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm**

**Tuesday, 14/11/2023 – Year 4 Collective Worship 9.10am**

Thursday, 16/11/2023 – Vaccination UK Flu immunisation YR-Y6

**Tuesday, 21/11/2023 – Year 3 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Friday, 24/11/2023 – Occasional Day school closed**

**Tuesday, 28/11/2023 – Year 2 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Tuesday, 05/12/2023 – Year 1 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Tuesday, 12/12/2023 – Year Reception Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Tuesday, 19/12/2023 – Term ends at 2.00 pm**

W/C Monday, 13/05/2023 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

W/C Monday, 3/06/2023 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

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## Term Dates for 2023/2024

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<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<i>Friday, 1 September 2023</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<b>Monday, 4 September 2023</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October 2023	Half term
<i>Friday, 24 November 2023</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 19 December 2023</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<i>Wednesday, 20 December 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
<b>Thursday, 4 January 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 19 February – Friday, 23 February 2024	Half term
<b>Thursday, 28 March 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
<b>Monday, 15 April 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
<i>Monday, 3 June</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 19 July 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<i>Monday, 22 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
<i>Monday, 23 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>

## School Noticeboard

