

PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Wivelsfield's link with St Matthew's Aberdeen, Sierra Leone **BETTER TOGETHER**

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SEASONAL GREETINGS.

A Happy (and hopefully better) New Year to all our readers!!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The main focus of our support is the provision of scholarships to enable children to attend secondary school and, thereby, to have an education that their parents would not be able to afford.

We are currently funding 11 children, 6 of them at Junior Secondary level and 5 at Senior Secondary level. In October we sent a total of £3,460 to cover the costs of school fees and other expenses. This has been distributed to the parents of the children and we look forward to hearing more about their progress in the future.

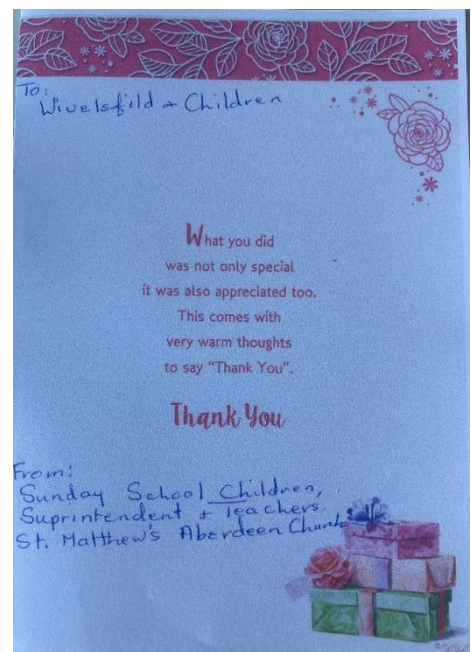
Two of the children will be completing their secondary careers this year and we hope to be able to let you know what they do next.

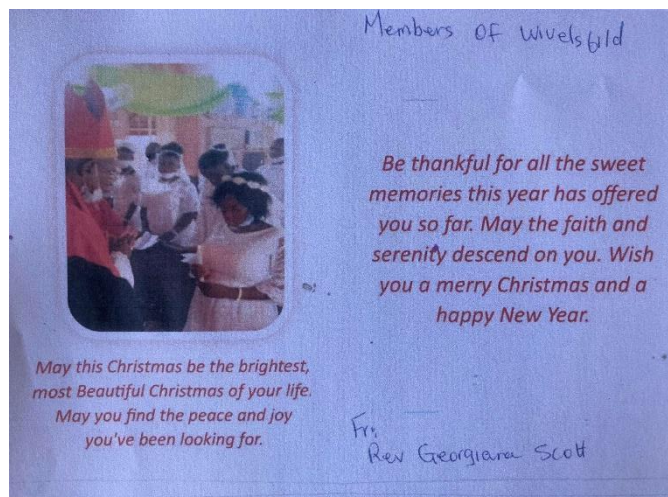
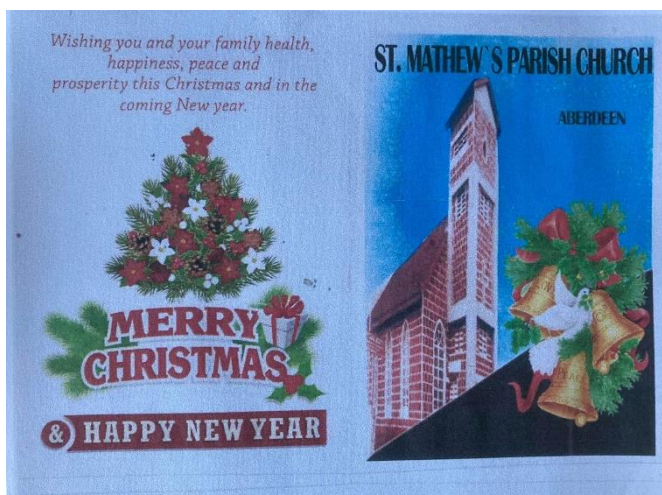
CHRISTMAS PARCELS

We also pay the cost of sending Christmas parcels out to Sierra Leone, something which we have been able to do for a number of years.

The contents are acquired by various means by Jane Hill who lives in Hurstpierpoint and her daughter Charlotte (Charley) who is a "new mum" and who lives in Hove. Two parcels contained 30 small "party bags" which held, amongst other things, simple stationery items such as pencils and notepads, balloons, sweets, toothpaste and a toothbrush, and a cuddly teddy. These were distributed to children at St. Matthew's church. The children also each received a small Advent booklet provided by our parish church.

We received a "thank you" card from the children at St. Matthew's. The vicar also emailed us a Christmas card which, thanks to the technological expertise of my wife, Sue, we have been able to reproduce here!





A third parcel was sent to Vikki Luke who, as you may remember from previous Newsletters, is a nurse working in a maternity hospital in Freetown. Items sent included baby and children's clothes, shoes and First Aid items.



SHIDA PRE-SCHOOL

Palmsy George, who is the proprietor of Shida and whose building project we have supported, continues to be in contact. Unfortunately his young son, Richmond, has been diagnosed with a form of diabetes and has been receiving hospital treatment. His diabetes has been exacerbated by a recurrence of Malaria which accounts for almost a quarter of all deaths in Sierra Leone.

FEEDBACK

As always, we are always happy to receive comments or questions from you. Thank you for your interest.

Paul Welch
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