

## **Mary's Meals Donation Match we raised £620 which will be doubled**

### **£260 from the Craft Stall and the rest from Community Lunches & other**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your precious gift of £620.00, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school.

Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.

As part of our Double The Love appeal, your donation will be matched – all thanks to a group of generous donors who are doubling donations, up to £1.1 million at this time. This means your gift will feed even more hungry children with Mary's Meals.

Our meals make a huge difference to children like Mary, in Liberia, where more than half of children do not finish primary school, and poverty and gender inequality continue to hinder education.

Mary says: "I have been eating Mary's Meals for more than six years now, the meals make me active and strong. I would like to be a lawyer to plead cases and make sure that everyone receives justice."

Today, more than 2.4 million hungry children in 17 of the world's poorest countries – including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Malawi and Liberia – are sitting in classrooms with full stomachs, and learning how to read and write, thanks to supporters like you.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your incredible generosity which will have a life-changing impact on some of the world's poorest children, providing them with food, education and hope for a brighter future.

### **GOD SPEAKS**

A day led by Jordan Kelly, Music led by Joe Wells, (One Hope Project)

Saturday 18th Jan 10.30 - 3.30

St Edward's Church Runcorn, WA7 5NZ

Lunch provided

Please register by email [alphamkruncorn@gmail.com](mailto:alphamkruncorn@gmail.com)

ALL DETAILS ON POSTER at the back of church

### **Diocese Youth Mission Team Vacancy**

Exciting opportunities have arisen within the Diocese with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website [Latest](#)

[Vacancies - Diocese](#) Completed applications to be sent to Pauline

McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date 31 January 2025.



### **Parish of St. Mary, Middlewich serving St. Margaret's, Holmes Chapel**

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Dear friends, All through the days of advent we have been into various spiritual practices like daily holy mass in the church, holy rosary and the ongoing novena prayer for Christmas, either in the church or as a family or individually at home. I am sure this practice has made us journey inward to hear God's gentle voice whispering in our ears, telling us how we need to prepare ourselves to receive the Baby Jesus into our hearts. Sin darkens our soul and makes us blind in life. He is the Light, eagerly waiting to walk into our lives. The power of light penetrates and dispels all darkness in us. Let us resolve to continue to remain in His light and love and walk as pilgrims, into the New Year 2025, which is THE HOLY (JUBILEE) YEAR. As we walk this joyful journey together, bound by our shared call to love and serve one another, let us be bold in our expression of God's love revealed in the world. HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Fr. Vijay Bhupathi

### **The Official Opening of The Holy Year in The Diocese:**

On 29th December in Shrewsbury.

On 12th January in Stockport.

**We shall celebrate the Mass on 26th January, 2025 as we mark the HOLY YEAR at the parish level in St. Mary's.**