



THE ARCHBISHOP OF WALES  
FUND FOR CHILDREN

# Newsletter

It is almost five years since the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children was set up. The Trust is managed by five Trustees appointed by the Bench of Bishops whose job it is to ensure that the money so generously given by you is spent wisely.

During 2007 the fund received donations which together with gift aid tax refunds totalled £62950. Fifty six applications were considered and grants awarded to 26 organisations totalling £39249. At the close of the 2007 financial year there were accumulated funds of £70564. In the last twelve months fifty two applications for funding were considered and grants of £40563 awarded to 22 organisations. Income so far in 2008 is down on that for 2007 but hopefully the full effect of the wonderful season for Christingle and Crib services will come through before the end of the financial year.

It is with grateful thanks that through the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children that we are able to continue the very important ministry for children and young people across the Province.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children I present the annual newsletter which contains some information about the projects supported in 2008.

J Michael Williams  
Chairman of the Trustees

## **Fundraising**

### **'Sponsored Walk July 2008'**

In the last newsletter advance notice was given of a sponsored walk being undertaken by the Tovey family. It is with great pleasure that the Trustees are able to report that on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July fifteen members of the Tovey family embarked on their long journey along the Cornish coastal path. Their journey which was 19 miles long took them all the way from Cape Cornwall through Sennen Cove, Porthcurno, Lands End finally finishing up at Mousehole a gruelling 9 hours later!

The 'Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children' would like to say a 'huge' thank you to all who took part in the sponsored walk along the Cornish coastline in memory of Margret Tovey who was a very active supporter of the fund.

James Tovey, who is one of the Trustees and also a member of the extremely successful Newport Committee, said "*We feel blessed to have had the support of everyone who has sponsored us – every penny has counted, we are extremely grateful to you all*" The walk has risen over £10K so far which is a tremendous achievement!

## **The Newport Committee**

Once again this year the Newport Committee and the parishes that make up the Committee has continued to be extremely active and generous supporters of the Fund. A big thank you is extended to all the Churches in the area for the continued support and to Mr Moelwyn Williams who continues his sterling work in ensuring the donations are recorded and sent through to the Secretary.

## **Fundraising in 2009**

In 2009 the Trustees are aiming to organise a sponsored coffee morning across all parishes. More news on this in March 2009.

## **Gift Aid**

If you are a UK Taxpayer you could gift aid your donation and the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children will be able to claim the tax back from HMRC. IN 2007 the tax reclaims were

## **Feedback from Successful Projects**

The Trustees are always delighted to receive feedback from projects that they have supported in the past. It is good to hear how the funding made possible through your generous support has made a difference in the lives of children and young people.

### **Play Montgomeryshire-**

Plat Montgomeryshire received a grant of £2500 in March 2008. The grant was used as a contribution towards the cost of the Cedewain Play and Teen Scheme in 2008. In the report back to the Trustees the project manager said:-

*“As you can see, thanks to yourselves, we had an extremely successful summer, and the children and young people had a wonderful time. We can not stress our appreciation of your contribution towards the success of the play activities enough”*

### **Castle Caereion Church in Wales School**

Castle Caereion Church in Wales School was awarded a grant of £2500 in 2007 towards the cost of building an outdoor worship and performance area. The worship area is frequently used for school assemblies or for small class teaching and is also used by the Playgroup and Toddler group. The headteacher said: “the grant allowed us to transform our school grounds and provide the children with a wonderful resource which gives a stimulating environment where children can play and worship”

### **DASH (Disabilities and Self Help) Ceredigion**

DASH Ceredigion was awarded a grant of £2675 to purchase specialist sensory and lifting equipment to support and assist children with disabilities between the ages of 4 and 11 years of age. Availability of specialist equipment allows the children to participate in activities that would otherwise not be available to them.

### **Home-Start Wrexham**

Home-Start was awarded a grant in 2006. They have written to us explaining that the grant was used to purchase much needed safety equipment and support chairs and also helped to fund activities for the children to participate on a great day out.

### **St Paul's Family Centre Llanelli**

St Paul's Centre in Llanelli was awarded a grant of £3325 in 2007 a contribution towards the staff costs of an Activities Leader. Unfortunately in May 2008 the project was on the brink of closure due to funding from other sources having dried up the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children was able to step in and additional funding of £3325 was awarded again as a contribution to the cost of the Activities Leader. The Centre Manager commented that "without the support of the fund the project would have closed depriving children of much needed after school club provision". The children have participated in many activities over the last twelve months including art competitions and other activities associated with healthy living.

### **Dolfor Play and Learn Scheme Newtown**

Dolfor Play and Learn Scheme was a newly created project in 2006 and applied for a grant in 2007 of £1000 to help with the cost of employing an additional staff member so that more children could attend the scheme. The grant allowed an additional 5 children from this rural community to register and to benefit from structured play and learning with other children of the same age.

### **St Peter's Holywell**

The Parish of St Peter's embarked on a very ambitious plan to build a new church with integral facilities to provide a well placed centre for worship and to provide many amenities for the local community including children and young people. With many hundreds of thousands of pounds already raised the parish approached the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children for a grant of £2000 to help cover the cost of equipping the young people's meeting room. The new church opened earlier this year and is understood to be a great success benefiting both the worshipping and wider community.

### **Contact a Family (for families with disabled children)**

Contact a Family has been in existence since 1979 to provide access to a range of service for families with disabled children. The fund has awarded a grant of £1750 which allowed the organisation to organise a wheel chair training weekend for five disabled youngsters and their families. A spokesperson for Contact a Family commented that the weekend is truly appreciated by the families involved as an opportunity to share experiences and to learn new skills as a family unit which does help make a difference to the lives of the not only the children but the whole family unit.

## **Successful projects during 2008**

### ***Diocese of St Asaph***

Hope37 Youth Trust	£1806.78
Impact Schools Team Trust	£500
Clwb Beano	£780
Play Montgomeryshire	£2500
Christ Church Mold	£2000

### ***Diocese of Monmouth***

Pontllanfraith Children's Contact Centre	£3980
St Johns Sunday School, Cwmcarn	£250
The Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust	£1591.03
St Peters Church, Aberbargoed	£800
St Theodore's Church, Newport	£70

### ***Diocese of Llandaff***

Valleys Kids	£1500
Churches in Action	£4378.38
Family Awareness Drug and Support	£3300
MENFA-Mentoring for All	£1400
Merthyr Tydfil Children's Contact Centre	£2000
Aberdare Children's Contact Centre	£549.99
Cardiff People First	£3193
Home-Start St Mellons	£600

### ***Diocese of Swansea and Brecon***

Children's First Parent Support Group	£2813
Brecon Children's Contact Centre	£900
Linden Church Trust Swansea	£1250