

# All Saints Ilkley



**Mission Partners Gift Day  
September 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**



Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> is our Mission Partners Gift Day.

It's a day to prayerfully and financially support the work of Christian mission across the world.

As always, we are encouraging the All Saints Church family to give financially to support our Mission Partners who are;

- **Diocese of Sittwe, Myanmar: Bishop James Min Dein**
- **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)  
Andrew & Liz Parker (based in Uganda)**
- **Church Mission Society (CMS):  
Rosie & Stu Bayford (based in Brazil)**
- **Koshish Mental Health Self-Help Organisation (Nepal)**

This Gift Appeal is the main way we will be enabling the church family to directly support our Mission partners. This booklet explains a bit more about each of them and how you can financially respond to support them.

We are committed to supporting our Mission Partners both through our giving and through prayer and personal encouragement.

Whatever & wherever you give, thanks for your generosity & commitment. We are part of a worldwide church family & we need each other's ongoing prayers, love, support & commitment.

Our Mission Partners Board in the Church Porch has more information and we regularly include updates, in our services and bulletins to keep you in touch.

Please be generous in support of our four partners in the Gospel.

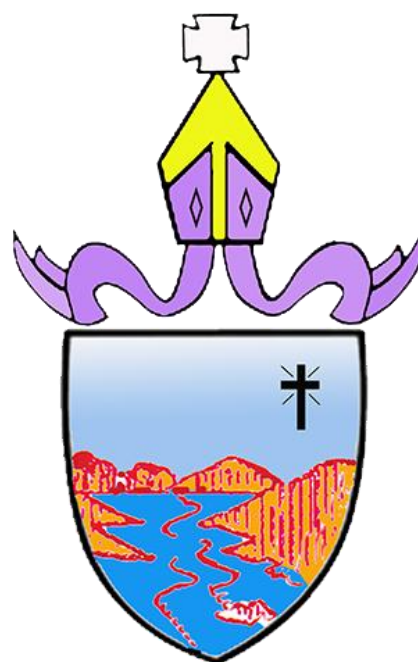
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the name, there is a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right, serving as a decorative underline.

**Revd. Mike Coe**  
**Vicar – All Saints, Ilkley**



## **Diocese of Sittwe (Myanmar)**

### **Bishop James Min Dein**



**Proclaiming the good news is at the heart of the ministry of the Rt Revd James Min Dein, Bishop of Sittwe, in Myanmar.**

Sittwe is the most rural and mountainous of Myanmar's six dioceses. Several times a year, the bishop gathers together a team that includes priests and health workers – perhaps as many as 15 people – and travels by boat and on foot to visit the diocese's most remote parishes, travelling from village to village. In the rainy season they must negotiate landslides.

The team sets out at 9 in the morning, arriving at their destination at 3 or 4 in the afternoon. The evening

is spent sharing the good news of life in Jesus Christ. The team might show a film, teach through drama, and celebrate with food and dance.

'Sometimes we are joined by people walking to the next village,' says Bishop James. 'It's a wonderful feeling. I get very tired, but as soon as we arrive and start to worship and pray together my tiredness is lost and I have new energy.'

Bishop James describes mission as a work of the heart.

'For me, mission is two things: words and deeds. We show our love through practical action, by giving what we can, and through preaching the gospel.'

Sittwe Diocese has a focus on education. It runs five hostels and



is helping 200 students from rural communities to obtain a good education. This is part of the diocese's overall concern to support the poor through mission. Health is also a key focus, with 40 health workers, paid a small allowance, reaching out to communities who struggle to access healthcare.

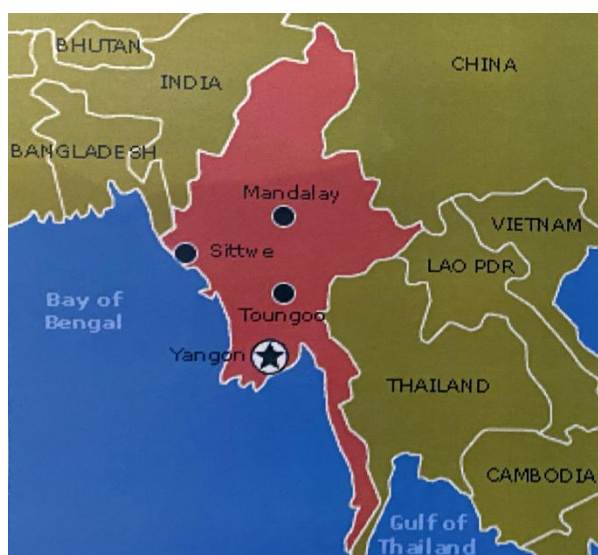
In recent decades, the government has put tight restrictions on speaking publicly about the gospel. But these restrictions are loosening now that Myanmar is opening its borders to

investors, tourists and new ideas. Even so, the church remains cautious. Permits must still be sought before the church can host an event or put up a new building.

Bishop James says: 'The Church of Myanmar is very small in terms of numbers, but now that our country is changing we have the chance to do more. Therefore we are working hard. The people need a lot of things – education, health, spiritual guidance – so please pray for us.'



Bishop James Min Dein visiting parishes in Sittwe Diocese by boat. (Bishop James Min Dein)



## **Bishop James recently sent this message**



Greetings from Sittwe Diocese.

Our diocese continues to face challenges as a part of it remains under the control of the Arakan Army. Many of our congregations are still displaced, with some in Yangon and others near the Indian border, including clergy families. We currently have about 1,000 refugees near the Indian border and 2,000 in Yangon. The remainder of our congregation is still within the diocese.

We are in great need of your prayers for the following:

- *For peace to return to our land and our diocese.*
- *For the displaced people in Yangon and on the Indian border.*
- *For their urgent needs, especially rice bags and medicine, particularly for our clergy families.*

We also ask for your prayers for our ministry;

1. *For the renovation of St. Mark Cathedral's roof, damaged by Cyclone Mocha in 2023.*
2. *For my safety as I must travel to Sittwe on the 16th and return on the 23rd. All travel in Myanmar is dangerous right now. Please pray for God's protection for all who are traveling, for our work there, and for those living and ministering in Sittwe.*
3. *For the upcoming Clergy and Lay Conference and Ordination service to be held at Paletwa in November 2025.*



Thank you for your faithful support and prayers.

In Christ,

**+James Min Dein - Bishop of Sittwe**



July 2025



Greetings from Kampala! We hope this finds you well. For those in the UK, we hope that the recent heatwave has allowed for pleasant outdoor times and has not been too overwhelming.

It was great to have time with family and several friends during our travels to England in June. Whilst in London, we also enjoyed visiting St. Michael's church in London, meeting the new vicar and answering interview questions about our MAF journey and God's goodness through the years. The three weeks passed quickly and we arrived back in Kampala towards the end of June.

**From Pilot Parker** The summer months are busy flying months for the pilots who remain in Kampala, since many MAF team members are away overseas on Home Assignments. In addition, our MAF Uganda team recently said farewell to two long-term pilots who returned to their home countries after serving with MAF in Africa and Asia for about 20 years each! Please pray for Andrew and the other pilots in the Uganda programme to stay well during this busy season.

**Float plane update** The float plane which is on its way to Uganda has now been painted in MAF colours and is receiving some final modifications to make it ready for its work here. Currently the aircraft is in the USA but we are led to believe it should arrive here in Uganda before the end of this year, so watch this space...



**News from Uganda** It has been a season of "small rains" here in Kampala. It is good that farmers have had the rains. For the boys and Liz, it feels ironic to spend school holidays in Uganda with rain falling briefly almost every day, whilst England basks in a heatwave!

Uganda is preparing for the January 2026 General Election. Political campaigns are underway and candidate posters adorn billboards across the city. Please pray for peace during this run-up to the General Election.

**Praise Points:**

- A refreshing visit to the UK.
- The Float Plane soon on its way to Uganda.
- Esther's place at Bath University.

**Prayer Points:**

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- Peace in Uganda during these elections.
- Student Finance for Esther.

**Family News** We are grateful that Esther has been able to visit this summer! She was the first Parker to fly direct to Uganda from London, on the newly opened Uganda Airlines route from Gatwick to Entebbe! For anybody interested in this new route (come and see us!!)

We are also excited to report that Esther has been offered a place at Bath University, starting in September. It has been complicated submitting the required information for the Student Finance body so we would definitely appreciate your prayers as we wait to hear whether Esther will be granted the student loan required to enable her to start a Social Sciences course.

Ben enjoyed a week's work placement in the MAF Uganda hangar at the start of July. Ben helped the engineering team with various tasks, including preparing an aircraft fuselage and wing for re-painting and sealing a leaky windscreen on a Cessna-206.



During that same week Joel had the opportunity to join Andrew for a day at work. Flying in the Caravan to Gulu and Pakuba in the north-west of the country it was an experience both captain and co-pilot enjoyed very much :)

Ben and Joel are currently attending a week-long camp specifically for Third Culture Kids at a beautiful spot at the edge of Lake Victoria, about two hours out of Kampala. Several of their good friends are on the camp with them and it's bound to be loads of fun! We pray that they have fantastic teaching times, too, during the Bible teaching sessions.

**August events** Liz starts work in early August, back in the classroom preparing for another academic year as a Y2 teacher. Ben and Joel will start their academic year a week later.

After 2 weeks of work, Liz will take a 6-week period of leave from her teaching job and fly to Northern Ireland to take part in the Bangor Worldwide Missions convention.

We would value your prayers for Liz as she prepares for and takes part in the convention. She is mindful that it is a huge privilege to have this opportunity to speak about God's faithfulness and to share about the work of MAF. It is both exciting and daunting!

Liz has several commitments over the 10-day convention, including an interview on the opening night; speaking mid-week about MAF's work in East Africa; 3 speaking engagements at churches around Bangor; being part of the ladies event; leading a team Devotions one mid-week morning.

After the convention, Liz plans to spend time with her parents and then Esther- hopefully helping Esther to move to Bath! She then looks forward to returning to the Parker Boys in Kampala, as she will miss them when she is away! (Liz is already wondering what the house will look like when she returns- strewn with tools, the spare parts of motorbikes and machines, empty KFC wrappers?? Yes, we do have KFC in Kampala!).

THANK YOU so much for your prayers, support and kindness. We are thankful for each of you and for your partnership with the work of MAF in Uganda. Please do keep us updated with your news and prayer requests. We always love hearing from you!

With our love from,

**Liz, Andrew, Ben, Joel and Esther in Uganda XXXX**



## Quenching the thirst for the Word of God on remote islands

A MAF flight delivers Youth With A Mission (YWAM) staff to Lake Victoria's islands, distributing Bibles to some of Uganda's most isolated communities.



Joyce Nabwire, a 68-year-old grandmother and village elder, was overjoyed to receive a new Bible. She'd been holding onto hers for over 30 years, with some of its pages now missing. *"I am very happy to receive a new Bible,"* said Joyce.

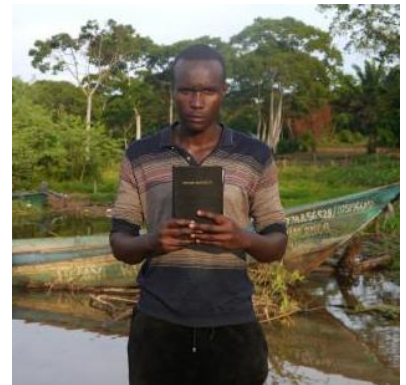
*"I will preach the gospel in the islands and beyond with more confidence, knowing that I have the full Word of God. There's beauty in having the Word of God fresh. I feel more energised and renewed."*

MAF flew the YWAM team to the islands of Bukasa and Bugala, where they evangelised through the donating of Bibles.

Abel Rukundo, from Jinja in eastern Uganda, is the leader of *End Bible Poverty Now Uganda*, a project under YWAM. Abel recounted the role of MAF in helping them reach Bukasa Island with speed and safety, on a flight fully funded by MAF.

*"MAF saved us the trouble of being on a boat for very many hours. We never had enough money to fund the trip, but MAF stepped in and provided free transportation, so we were able to access the unreachable,"* he said.

Among the beneficiaries of the Bibles provided by YWAM was Farouk Mugisha, who made the bold decision to give his life to Christ last year. During a recent cyclone, he narrowly escaped death while working at a construction site. He had slept on-site, and that morning, when the cyclone hit the island, his roommate lost his life when their house collapsed. Mugisha felt humbled by the fact that he was not at home when the cyclone struck. *"I believe I survived the storm because God has a great plan for my life. He saved my life for a reason,"* he said.



MAF flew 360 copies of the Luganda Bible to Bukasa. Pilot Andrew Parker, who completed the 20-minute flight, shared his excitement.

*"I'm excited to fly God's Word to people in their own language."*

*The Word of God is powerful and effective, and I'm thankful for people like YWAM who do this kind of work.*

*I'm glad we played a small part in that."*

FULL STORY - <https://mafint.org/news/2025-quenching-thirst-word-god-remote-islands>

## **Rosie & Stu Bayford – Church Mission Society (Brazil)**



We arrived back in Brazil halfway through August after a wonderful last few months in the UK marked with travel, visits, fun, family and friendship. A very special time.

Ottelie turned two not long after we arrived and it's been a real joy seeing her grow up and develop day by day. We've so enjoyed seeing her get to know her grandparents, cousins and friends, including the latest addition to our family, our new niece.

We're so grateful that Ottelie had her healthiest stint ever in the UK. She had an ill first month with two ear infections and a D&V bug, but since then was on great form!

Almost every Sunday we visited a different church which has been so special to be a part of. We're always very humbled by your love, support and response as we share what we do and who we work with in Brazil. Thank you for taking such an interest and engaging with this work that we are privileged to be a part of.

We kept up with some work too, be it Community Market or CMS. Stu is involved in the Latin America Pioneer hub which is interesting and something new and exciting to be a part of. The biggest challenge with the meetings he's part of is that everyone else speaks Spanish not Portuguese, but they make it work!

Our longest UK trip was two weeks down south when we went all the way to Kent! We had a special week with a wonderful wise couple who do life coaching/counselling with CMS amongst various other mission organizations. They themselves were in India, China and Hong Kong for 30+ years! It was really helpful to have sessions with them each day, and they were so accommodating of Ottelie who did everything with us too!

We rounded off our time in the UK with the CMS Summer Gathering which was a wonderful time to get together with the wider CMS family including other mission partners that we're also back in the UK at the time. Ottelie loved the kids work and we enjoyed the sessions that we could then take part in.



## Brazil Return

It's been a difficult transition back to Brazil with Ottelie so far being upset a lot of the time, not wanting to be here and missing family and friends that she's grown so attached to. We completely understand that she's finding it hard but it's so difficult to see your own child struggle in this way. We've already seen a few glimpses of her relaxing a little and enjoying playing with old friends, so prayers that she feels settled soon would be much appreciated.

## Community Market



Greice has been running the Community Market in our absence and done a great job coordinating the volunteers, the families, and food donations.

Alongside the normal weekly market, they have had a few special celebrations. São João, which some of you may remember from last year, is similar to harvest festival, but much more fun! There is plenty of delicious corn-based cakes and snacks, and usually people dress up in clothes from the arid regions where traditionally it's grown. The team did a great job organising some fun activities for the children, and some treats for the mums at the market who absolutely deserve them!

## Revive

Things are going well at Revive. We have nine lovely girls with us, with four new faces who it's been lovely to meet and start getting to know. We had reported the wonderful news of K, who had been with us for almost 7 years, that she had moved back to live with her mum, but sadly she is back at Revive after that arrangement not working out. It's a very complex situation and as she is now 17 years old, she's found a job which we pray will set her up well for life after Revive on turning 18.



Some amazing news is that D (whose sisters were adopted a few years ago) has been adopted by Revive's very own social worker Rayane! She and her husband Leandro have been taking D at weekends for respite, and we are over the moon that they have made this decision to adopt her. She has some additional needs which is why the family who adopted her sisters didn't want to adopt D, and so her prospect of adoption wasn't optimistic. Praise God for Rayane and Leandro who are such a wonderful inspirational couple.

Thank you for your prayers and support. With love, thanks and every blessing,

***Rosie, Stu and Ottelie x***



### *Some prayer points*

- *Give thanks for Rayane & Leandro adopting D & pray for them as they continue life as a family*
- *Praise God that the market has been running really well under the leadership of Greice & through the dedication of the volunteers. Pray for clarity for everyone involved on the role that we come back to as we look to maintain Greice as coordinator & for us to focus on facilitating other churches running their own version*
- *Prayers appreciated for Ottelie as she continues to adapt to being 'home' again, yet talking a lot about grandparents. She has a great little nursery that she goes to each morning, & we really trust the teachers, but prayers for some great little 'amiguinhos' (friends) as that's taking a bit of time. She's very quiet & we think she's finding the change of language difficult.*
- *Prayers appreciated as we invite a new cohort of mums to the community market. There is a time period for them to be a part (largely because there is such a high number of families with need, so as to make it fair, & also so that they don't become dependent on it - but it is a help for the year that they take part). We do it in stages so half of the mums will continue (they joined the market later) & the next group will join. Prayers for friendships & guidance as we get alongside these mums & do the best we can to help them in their specific situations.*
- *Prayers appreciated for the girls at the Revive house & with the foster families too. We now have 10 girls with us in the house, ranging from 8 years to 17 years, & 5 children with foster families, age range between 2 months to 7 years. Prayers for each of them that they will find a loving family, be it through adoption, or where possible reintegrated with their biological family.*
- *We currently use the Revive Kombi (an old VW campervan) for all the food collections but we are thinking & praying about the mercado having its own form of transport so that it can stay in Aguazinha & it would make a lot of things easier. Please pray for this, & if we were to receive some finances, we would likely use that money on this.*

**You can read news about the Bayfords at <https://www.thebayfords.com/>**





# KOSHISH

National Mental Health  
Self-Help Organization

Nothing about us without us

<https://koshish.org.np/>

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KOSHISH in Nepali means 'to try' or 'put an effort'. It is an organization established by persons with firsthand experience of mental health issues in 2008 to promote mental health and psychosocial wellbeing in Nepal.

In the spirit of “Nothing About Us Without Us”, KOSHISH advocates to bring mental health and psychosocial disabilities into the mainstream of health and disability, by breaking the silence surrounding these issues. KOSHISH aspires to develop a replicable model to promote psychosocial well-being within communities through the adoption of person-centric right-based approach.

## **Vision**

- *To achieve 'Mental Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing for All' !*
- *To improve the quality of life of persons with mental health issues and psychosocial disabilities*

## **Thematic Areas**

- *Empowerment and Community Inclusion*
- *Advocacy and Awareness*
- *Transforming Community Support System*
- *Organizational Development*

## **Approach**

- *Engage with all layers of the government and other stakeholders*
- *Promote the voice of voiceless*
- *Lobby and Advocacy with policy makers and duty bearers*
- *Meaningful inclusion in family/community setting*

## Impact in 2024



**Matrika Devkota**, the founder of KOSHISH, suffered mental ill-health for many years without proper diagnosis or treatment. He chose to talk openly about his experiences, to de-stigmatize attitudes towards mental health in Nepal, and became a respected advocate in the national media.



*“Every human should be treated as equal. No one is superior or inferior - we are all equally precious.*

*But people with mental health issues face many barriers that disable us. The Nepalese legal system says we are not allowed to vote, inherit or own property. We also face stigma and negative attitudes.*

*So in 2008 I established KOSHISH to speak out for our human rights. I am the Executive Director. Today we have 79 employees and provide psychosocial therapies and medical treatment in five of Nepal’s seven provinces. I believe we are the country’s first organisation led by people with lived experience of mental health issues.*

*We can’t solve all the problems, but we can be a light so people see what the solutions are. We are proudly demonstrating our model of person-centered, rights-based services. We look at a person as a whole, and give back to our community.”*



## **Andrew Wilson (our main contact with Koshish) writes**

All Saints partners with KOSHISH in their work looking after and rehabilitating women who live on the streets homeless in Nepal.

We have been fortunate to be able to support financially the building of the new Transition Home where beneficiaries find safe refuge, medical treatment, psychological therapies and training and rehabilitation.

### **Rebuilding the Walls**

October last year the monsoon rains were the heaviest for at least 50 years, washing away the boundary walls and land of the Women's Rehabilitation Centre. This was both frightening for the beneficiaries who hold memories of so much trauma in their lives and concerning about the ongoing physical integrity of the newly constructed centre.

Thanks to donations including that of All Saints Ilkley they have been able to rebuild and to a higher specification.

**Before**



**After**



Matrika sends heartfelt thanks to All Saints for financial and prayer support which supports this transformational work with these women.

### **Suicide Prevention**

KOSHISH is active in many areas in the area mental illness and advocacy in Nepal. Last year I and the team were included in early regarding a response to the rising and worrying rate of suicide in Nepal (3-4 times as high as UK). Since then, KOSHISH have started peer led suicide prevention work, I have no doubt already impacting lives for the better. Pray for this work, individuals impacted, and that this can be spread across and beyond the KOSHISH family.

