

# WARE IN THE WORLD



MISSION UPDATE SPRING 2025

ISSUE 6

*Christ Church was founded with an integrated mission to the poor side of Ware. It was always rooted in Scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit, to enable change and transformation. When you look in its accounts from the 1800's, you see the community of Christ Church supporting mission both locally and around the world from the earliest days.*

*It is an amazing privilege that with your generosity, we as a community can continue to do the same in so many places. I invite you to use this 6th edition of Ware in the World to be praying for our mission partners, to reflect and be encouraged with all that God is doing not just here in our community but to the ends of the Earth.*

*Christ Church is called to love, pray, serve, and share the good news. Mission is at the heart of who we are. May you be inspired and encouraged by these stories to live out our calling in our workplaces, homes and communities.*

*With my thanks, John*



Christ Church Ware  
Jesus led, Spirit empowered, Grace based.

## WELCOME TO MISSION NEWS MARCH 2024

- Leadership and mission with SOMA META
- Opening Eyes to See – an update from the Legacy Fund
- Communication survey – results



## Learning about leadership and mission from SOMA META



**Doing his gap year volunteering with Christ Church before going on to do his studies in Theology and Worship, Jotham shares about his upcoming mission trip with META**



I have joined the **META youth course**, which is a part of **Sharing Of Missions Abroad (SOMA UK)**. This is designed for young people aged 16-19, and is a year-long course preparing people for leadership.

I am grateful to those at Christ Church who have supported me financially so I can be part of this course. It involves watching a teaching video and then meeting once a week online with other participants from around the world. Meeting other people my age who share a passion for Jesus has been enjoyable, very encouraging and challenging!

We are going on a mission trip to Northern Ireland in early August, where we will spend time developing our leadership skills whilst running various events for local young people. I am really looking forward to putting into practice many of the different things I have learnt over the past year such as the tools that **META** have provided and the experience I have gained from being part of the team at Christ Church. I am also looking forward to continue to learn and develop as a leader, in my own personal faith and relationship with God.

I really appreciate all the people who have been praying for me over this year and I ask that you continue to pray for **META** youth and the team as we prepare for this mission.

FOR MORE INFORMATION – Go to [www.christchurchware.co.uk/missions](http://www.christchurchware.co.uk/missions)



## Opening Eyes to See

*We hear from Charlotte Boulton in Sri Lanka about the new funded Legacy Fund project*



Last December, **The Dust Project** put forward an application to the Christ Church Legacy Fund for cataract operations in Sri Lanka and our application had been approved!

The project will fund 80 cataract operations to those who are unable to afford them without assistance from an NGO. The names of the people selected for these operations have been provided to us through governmental offices (GS – Grama Sevaka and DS – Divisional Secretariat) as well as local hospitals, churches and the Lions Club. Those who have been recommended to be the beneficiaries of the operations are from all religions and areas in the Gampaha District. The common issue they face is their socio-economic situation, where themselves or their family members are day labourers and have no steady income, living on or below the poverty line.

Cataract operations are high in demand in Sri Lanka due to the aging population and the high number of people who suffer with diabetes due to high sugar content in their diets (rice, tea, etc.). People with diabetes are at increased risk of developing cataracts, especially in old age. High blood sugar levels over time can cause structural changes in the eye's lens such as swelling, pressure and stress, leading to cataracts.

There are many impacts associated with cataracts including blurry, hazy or less colourful vision, difficulty doing everyday tasks such as cooking, reading or walking, and sensitivity to bright light. Cataracts can worsen over time and the longer they are left unattended, the more they can interfere with life. If cataracts are left untreated, they can lead to vision loss, vision impairment, and blindness. According to The World Health Organisation (WHO), cataracts are the number one cause of blindness in the world.

As soon as we received news about the approval of the funding, we had our first meeting to kick-start the project. We are meeting with the organisations we will be working alongside to carry out the cataract operations and are aiming to complete the full list of 80 operations by the end of August 2025. Following this, we are looking forward to, and excited about providing an update to Christ Church of the success of the project and the amazing long-lasting impact the funding has had on the community in Sri Lanka.

Since we started research on cataract operations, our list of those in need has grown from 80 individuals to now 180! We believe that this breakthrough of funding generously provided by Christ Church is the first of many doors opening to us to help people in Sri Lanka with cataract operations.

# The Mission Communications Questionnaire Summary of Results

Survey (September/October 2024)

by Missions Advisory Committee

## Survey Overview

135 adults completed forms  
(60% of the 227 adults in church)

### Service representation:

- 9am: 27% of responses
- 10.30am: 56% of responses
- Seven: 16% of responses

## Key comments & suggestions

Continue with email and showing overhead displays.

Request for mission WhatsApp group for updates.

Some prefer paper for reading.

More mission partner visits and video updates suggested.

Request for separate mission newsletter.

### Conclusions

Overhead displays and Bible readings are effective in raising awareness.

Many do not use the website for mission updates, so other communication methods are essential.

Email is the most preferred method, but paper copies remain important.

There is interest in more interactive engagement, such as videos, visits and displays.

46% have accessed information about mission partners on the **website**.

89% have seen mission partners on **overhead displays** in church.

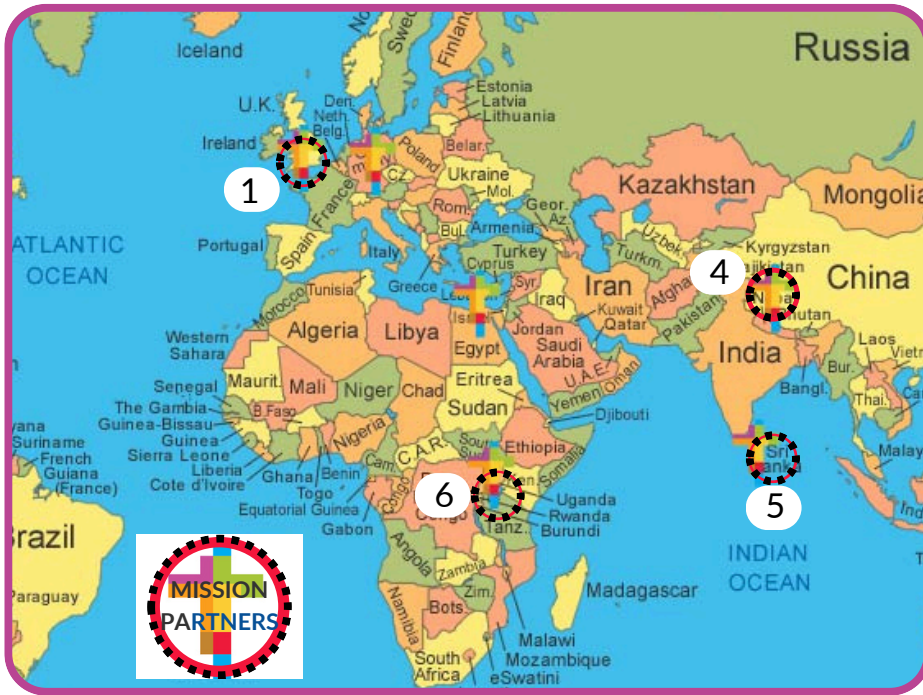
70% have read the mission partners newsletter, **Ware in the World**.

77% recall seeing the mission partners' **Bible video readings**.

### Key messages for congregation

- Please give your email address to the church office if you want to keep more informed.
- Come to the coffee/tea gathering between services and look out for the overhead displays.
- Watch the 10.30am service bible readings on the third Sunday of each month when mission partners can be seen on video.

## LOCATION OF MISSION PARTNERS



## CHRIST CHURCH MISSION PARTNERS INCLUDE:

### PEOPLE

- Prem and Indira in Nepal (4)
- Richard and Monica - UK based (1)
- Mel and James in the UK - Birmingham (1)
- Charlotte and Manoj in Sri Lanka (5)
- Michael in Burundi (6)
- Alison and Paul in Burundi (6)

### ORGANISATIONS

Street Pastors in Hertford and Ware  
[www.streetpastors.org](http://www.streetpastors.org)

FUTUREhope  
[www.fhhw.org.uk](http://www.fhhw.org.uk)

CPAS (The Patrons of Christ Church)  
[www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk)

Tearfund - Rwanda - Church and communities transformation  
[www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

All Nations - training for mission  
[www.allnations.ac.uk](http://www.allnations.ac.uk)

A Rocha - Eco Church  
[www.arocha.org.uk](http://www.arocha.org.uk)

Operation Mobilisation - (Cinzia and Flavio)  
[www.uk.om.org](http://www.uk.om.org)



Richard and Monica



Mel and James



Flavio and Cinzia



Prem and Indira



Charlotte and Manoj



Michael