Minutes of the SPAN meeting held on 8th June 2026 held in Davenport Room, St Peter's.
The meeting started with the SPAN Prayer.

Attendance: Jenny Armstrong (Chair), Michael Barker (Treasurer), Caroline (Vice Chair) and Paul Manning, Ann Marie and Patrick Reddin, Anne and Roger Elson, Paul Hayden (Secretary), Allan Mulholland.
Apologies: Fr Stephen Day, Canon David Hartley, Jeanette Davison.

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated, approved and signed.
Matters arising: None.

Summary of Correspondence: NB* means - attachment supplied for the meeting.

- **Will Seth-Smith, Five Talents,** dated 15th May 2026. "Many thanks for sharing the impact report at your May meeting, if there is another meeting in the future we would be very grateful to be considered once more."
- **John White, Global Care *,** dated 20th May 2024. Thanks for £ 2,000 received from Frank Garvey Legacy. Details attached.
- **Kerry Johnstone, TEMWA *,** dated 21st May 2026. Thank you letter and mid-term report.
- **Robert Caracache, House of Light and Hope *,** dated 23rd May 2026. "Dear SPAN, and dear parishioners. Salam el Masih / The Peace of Christ. We hope that you are all well. Your donation of 3,900 U.S.$ safely arrived. May this Pentecost fill your heart with peace and hope."
- **Liz Mottram, Kindaid,** dated 25th May 2026. "Grateful thanks from the Kindaid Committee for the recent donation of £ 200 to Kenya orphans from SPAN."
- **Amy Hathaway, Forever Angels *,** dated 28th May 2026. "Thank you so much for your recent donation of £ 400 to Forever Angels - we are very thankful for your generous and continued support. I will be in touch in coming months to show you the impact of your donation."
- **Robert Caracache, House of Light and Hope *,** dated 29th May 2026. Prayer requests attached.
- **Michelle Oakford, CAFOD *,** 19th May 2026. Thanks for £ 100 to Darfur.
- **Paul Keeley, SSG – Sustainable Global Gardens *,** dated 4th June 2026. Thanks and receipt for £ 400.

Finance – Treasurer Report by Michael on the May 2026 Accounts

We have £ 1,401 available for appeals, a good month due to the receipt of our quarterly investment income. We received two payments so the new investment of £ 20,000 this year has generated £ 154. Also the fund is performing well, with the stock market recovering post Iran so the investment is now worth just over £ 20,000.

An electronic payment of £ 3k to House of Light and Hope was made in May to transfer their balance plus their Lenten Alms.

Of the Frank Garvey beneficiaries, Global Care banked their payment of £ 2,000 in May while the payment to Temwa remains uncashed at this stage.

Work on the annual accounts and gift aid is ongoing.

[£ 388.61 will be added to amounts earmarked for hospitals at Nyenga in Uganda and Ortum in Kenya.]

Appeals – * indicates that attachments with further details were sent out ahead of the meeting,

- **Eduard Chiutula, Mangochi Fishmart *,** dated 22nd May 2026. Sustainable fish farming – not registered with CC. **Agreed not to Support.**

- **Zoe Hauser, Medair *,** dated 28th May 2026. "Following up on my email from last week regarding the Ebola emergency, I am sharing an updated proposal with the latest information on the increasingly dire situation in the DRC. To date, **over 906 suspected cases have already been reported, and 223 people have lost their lives** (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, 25 May 2026).

Medair is on the front lines of this response. As one of the leading health humanitarian organisations in the Ituri Province – **where at least 651 people are estimated to be infected as of 20th May** – we have been responding rapidly. Our teams are: Raising awareness in communities; Screening people for Ebola; Referring those affected to local centres; Strengthening infection prevention and control measures across health clinics. **£ 400 Agreed.**

- **Basembera Nicholus, Village Concerns Uganda *,** dated 31st May 2026. "a non-profit registered charity working with the less fortunate communities in eastern Uganda to impact last long solutions to their needs in the areas of; Community Health Programs, Human rights, Women empowerment and Youths, skilling programs, Environmental programs, Agricultural modernization, Orphans and Vulnerable children care, old going age, Persons with Disabilities and other community-based initiatives." Not registered with CC. **Agreed not to support.**
- **Sonal Kadchha, Educating the Children *,** dated 29th May 2026. To train women in Uganda and Kenya to lead them to financial independence. **£ 400 Agreed.**
- **Ellie Milner, Arms Around the Child *,** dated 1st June 2026. Supporting children's homes in northern India in this appeal. CC reg no 1123038, Income £ 213,303, Expenditure £ 181,189 Charitable activities £ 116,000. Appealed in Oct 20, June 22, June 26. **£ 400 Agreed.**
- **Five Talents,** appeal made last month. **£ 400 Agreed.**
- **CAFOD for Darfur** £ 500 so far this year **– target £ 1,200. £ 100 Agreed from FG Legacy.**

Any Other Business:

Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/share/1DCfZ4yYgP/ please share and follow.
Caroline continues to produce some great Facebook pages. She urged everyone to 'like' or 'share' the posts.
Fr Mayele's funding to support vulnerable children was transferred to a school / parish link (because he was getting frail). We have not been able to transfer funds to them securely over some months. We agreed that this sum (£ 37) should be added to the amount sent to House of Light and Hope in future months.
CoCo's Foundation The suggestion of using the remaining money earmarked for CoCo's from the FG Legacy to repairing heaters to avoid cold only showers is still being costed.
Justice & Peace are planning to engage with the Leamington Peace Festival on Saturday 13th June between 12 and 4 gaining signatures for prisoners of conscience in the church; also tea and coffee. There will be a time of exposition in the church by other parishioners on Sunday 14th in the afternoon.
SPAN Social to encourage more people to support SPAN will be on the evening of Friday 2nd October – we help a lot of people and want to see that achievement continue. Inviting donors, mailing list people and parish groups e.g. Young Adults' Group to give a personal invite to a friend. SPAN Past, Present and Future. Wine and Cheese. Inviting New Chapters, Young People First, Global Care, CAFOD and others? to say how SPAN or Frank's Legacy have helped them. Jazz music entertainment is being explored. A representative from 'Children of the Dump' may be able to attend. A job list where people can help SPAN would be useful. Ways to encourage engagement with SPAN from other churches and the wider community need to be explored. Jenny to have a meeting to share ideas and develop a plan for this publicity and social event. It would be lovely to see more people donating through SPAN so that our core beneficiary payments could be increased. *[They have remained at current levels for many years and ought to be at least twice the current level.]*

The meeting finished with prayers, thinking in particular about the prayer requests from Lebanon.
The next meeting will be on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Davenport Room at St Peter's.