

## Minutes of the SPAN meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The meeting started with the SPAN Prayer.

**Attendance:** Jenny Armstrong (Chair), Caroline (Vice Chair) and Paul Manning, Michael Barker (Treasurer), Paul Hayden (Secretary), Allan Mulholland, Ann and Roger Elsen, Jonathan Holden, Clare Burdett.

**Apologies:** Mary Holden, Patrick Reddin, Fr Stephen Day, Fr David Hartley, Jeanette Davison, Toni Reszka, Stella Lucey.

**Minutes of the last meeting** were circulated, approved and signed. **Matters arising:** N/A.

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

- **Rachel, Project Play**, dated 11th June 2025. "Thank you so much! Please thank your colleagues!"
- **Jane Knight, One World Link**, dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Enclosing a receipt. "We are still setting up contacts and the IT framework to enable dialogue between health practitioners in Bo and here. We will contact you when we have concrete action points and results to share with you....."
- **John White, Global Care**, dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025. "Fiona [Castle], Hazel and I very much enjoyed being part of the SPAN event. Thank you for making us so welcome. Thank you so much for this partnership that is helping so many vulnerable children."  
**Also from Global Care \*** – Summer Newsletter.
- **Dr Robert Caracache, House of Light and Hope, Beirut, Lebanon**, dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. "Dear brothers and sisters at SPAN, and dear parishioners. Salam el Masih/The Peace of Christ, We hope that you are all well, your donation of £ 3,300 has safely arrived. We thank you and give thanks to God for your presence with us in these very critical times that Lebanon is going through. We remain united with you in prayer and brotherly love in Christ."
- **Mrs Mahnoosh Mossadegh, Hands Around the World \***, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. "We were delighted to receive a donation from St Peter's Aid for the Needy towards our project in Kenya to provide musical instruments to students at St Lucy's School for the blind and visually impaired. Your generous donation will make a huge difference to the lives of these children."  
**Also** Annual Report received from <https://hatw.org.uk/annual-reports/> with covering letter.
- **Sr Prexadis, Ortum Mission Hospital, Kenya**, dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025. "Warm greetings from Ortum Mission Hospital. We hereby acknowledge receipt of KSh. 527,857.80 on 13th June 2025. The funds were instrumental in facilitating the procurement of essential pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies, greatly supporting our service delivery to the community. Your generous contribution has had a significant impact on our ability to provide quality healthcare to the people of Ortum and its environs."
- **Liz Mottram, Kindaid**, dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025. "A sincere thank-you to SPAN on behalf of Kindaid for the donation made last month of £500 to the Kenyan mission in Kiirua.
- **Rev Sr Susan Namuliika, St Francis Hospital Nyenga**, dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. "Warm greetings. On behalf of the hospital administration and the entire community of beneficiaries, we wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generous financial support towards improving the livelihoods of lepers under our care."

## Finance – Treasurer Report by Michael on the June 2025 Accounts

We have a very healthy £ 2,441 to spend in the month which is largely due to donations following Graham O'Rourke's funeral. We collected £ 300 on the day itself and a further £ 1,300 online after the funeral.

All Lenten Alms payments have been made to Friends of the Holy Land and Light of Hope and Light. Similarly, international payments have been made to Ortum and Nyenga.

The gift aid rebate for 2024 has been received and we received £ 5,637, of which £ 2,340 has been allocated to specific donations such as Christmas vouchers, Lenten Alms, House of Light and Hope etc. This leaves us with a balance of £3,300 to carry forward and use in the year.

The June 8<sup>th</sup> event largely broke even.

Work on the annual accounts for 2024 continues and hope to have a completed draft to the trustees this week.

I'm still chasing a locksmith for the Crisis in Africa box.

*[£381.30 will be added to amounts earmarked for hospitals at Nyenga, Uganda and Ortum, Kenya.]*

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

- **Jacqui Grove, Helping Hands Community Project \***, dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025. £ 460 already earmarked, **£ 500 to be sent.**
- **Tom Williams, STAND formerly Legs4Africa \***, dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Recycling prosthetic limbs. **£ 500 Agreed.**
- **Eddie Watson, LAFF, Latin American Foundation for the Future \***, dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Supporting Casa Mantay, a safe house in Peru that provides shelter, food and education for young mothers between the ages of 12 and 18. **£ 500 Agreed.**
- **Mark Ryan, Turbo Ghana \***, dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Supporting solar panel use and access to water. **£ 500 Agreed.**
- **Steve Ashton, WE REACH UK \* NEW**, dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. "WASH programme in primary schools in rural Kenya." **Not agreed.**
- **Pete Barnett, Caendon \* NEW**, dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. "Sirs, please find attached Caendon's funding appeal request letter, information leaflet and our latest newsletter." **Not agreed.**
- **Dr Victoria Jupp Kina, Tatha Water \* NEW**, dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Water projects. **Not agreed.**
- **Neil, Kerfoot, Village by Village \***, dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025. "... access to clean water, basic sanitation." **£ 500 Agreed.**
- **Barry Harper, EACP East Africa Children's Project \***, dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025. See attached letter and a 6month report. Building three new pit latrine toilet blocks. **£ 500 Agreed.**
- **CAFOD for Darfur £ 100.**

Next month, include appeal from Let the Children Live – Columbia and Serendip.

#### **Any Other Business:**

Justice and Peace: Celebrate everything **eco** at the Pump Room Gardens on Saturday 30 August 2025 from 10am to 5pm.

The **Leamington Unity and Peace Festival** was held in the Pump Room Gardens on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The event did not match expectations and will have things to rethink.

Church Heritage Days: A festival of flowers. We should try to have SPAN displays OL's Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September PM, SP's Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am-4pm.

The meeting finished with a prayer.

**The next meeting will be on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Davenport Room at SP's.**