

The McCabe Educational Trust

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We are grateful to all the supporters of McCabe who helped us distribute £130,000 to very worthwhile ventures in the last year.

A special **Thank You** to McCabe pilgrims who helped us raise **£30,455** during January - a fantastic start to the year!

With your help, we will continue helping those in need we encounter on our travels.



Music Therapy in Bethlehem

This is a new and innovative programme being funded jointly by the McCabe Educational Trust and the Diocese of Rochester. The key players are **Claire Tillotson** a music therapist from Bromley and **Canon Paul Miller** a vicar in the diocese. We are enormously grateful to Bishop Michael Nazir Ali for choosing this project for his Christmas appeal. To date almost £12,000 has been raised, which together with funding from the Trust has given a very positive start to the project.

Our partner in Bethlehem is the SOS Children's Village, where Palestinian social workers such as Irene, pictured on the right above with Claire, are being introduced to Music Therapy.

Claire has committed herself to a series of training workshops over a period of two years where she will pass on her skills to Social Workers, Psychiatrists and Psychologists who will then be able to use Music Therapy in their treatment of some highly traumatised children.

We are now actively looking for a suitable musician from Palestine to sponsor through a two year professional training course in the UK who would return to Bethlehem, replacing Claire, and teach a new generation of Music Therapists in Palestine.



Music is a powerful medium which can affect us all deeply and Music Therapy is a new concept in Bethlehem which is already proving highly beneficial to the children at the SOS village.

Without your support, exciting projects such as these would simply not happen.

Thank-you !

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The work of the Trust is dependent on the ongoing support of friends throughout Britain. We highlight three recent initiatives bringing parishes into partnership with our friends in the Holy Land.



Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation

“I was absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity of the community in Belper. So many people have willingly wanted to support the hospital in Bethlehem and have helped us raise the magnificent sum of £1750.”

Here the Revd David Perkins hands over a “large” cheque to Edmund Shehadeh, Director of the hospital.



Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany

“Very many thanks to all who took part in the Advent jam jar collection. £218.51 was raised for the Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany. We will be giving out more jam jars soon. Will you take one?”

This is an initiative of Paul Towers of Porthmadog parish in Wales, a long-time supporter of the Trust.



Al Shurooq Blind School, Bethlehem

“The children of the Abbey’s Sunday school collect money from autumn to Christmas each year to support various charities. As a result of their collection we enclose a cheque for £350 to be donated to the Al Shurooq School for the Blind in Bethlehem”.

Tom Edmond, treasurer, writes of an initiative of the children of the Abbey Church of Dunfermline.

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