

The St Luke's Charity for the Month – January 2021

Dorothy Parrott Memorial Trust Fund

The Trust Fund is very grateful to be included as a charity to be supported by St Luke's Church again. The Trust was set up by Charter on 15th October 1979, in memory of Miss Parrott who had been a very popular Mayor and well-loved person in the town.

The objectives of the Fund were originally for the relief of poverty and advancement of education and, after the incorporation of the Sick Poor Fund, also for the relief of mental and physical ill-health.

The Trust specifically states that the money can only be used within a designated local area, which has now been deemed for clarity within the postcodes TN13, TN14 and TN15, and in areas contiguous with Sevenoaks itself. It is therefore a charity that is entirely focused locally and can address the needs of people and families who have various very difficult problems, often financially related.

Applicants include:

- Victims of domestic abuse
- Local schools (for items such as iPads for children in isolation, uniform for pupils in less well-off families and for residential school trips)
- For clients of Social Services (for cookers, carpets, washing-machines etc.)
- Students in need of assistance on gap-year charity work abroad
- Churches for parishioners in need of help
- Citizens Advice Bureau for their clients
- Age UK for their clients
- Health Visitors from Sevenoaks Hospital for their clients
- Hi Kent Hearing for local work
- Cyclops Productions
- Sevenoaks Blind Club
- West Kent Housing

If a donation from the fund is agreed by the Trustees, this takes the form of a cheque made out to the recommending body, and not to any individual, which safeguards the money being spent for the purposes intended.

Please give generously either by cash/envelope in the plate in church or cheque by post to The Treasurer St Luke's Church. More information can be obtained from the St Luke's Champion, Gina Short, who is also the Secretary of the Dorothy Parrott Memorial Trust Fund.