

## Widford Parish Tithe Payments for 2017.

5% of all the offerings and other income received in the Parish, is given to worthy causes outside Widford. The PCC made the decision that Tithe payments would be made at the end of the year in which they are collected, with the exception of the Edapal Family.

Ali, Keshule and their children Ben, Chloe and Lydia, live in Eldoret, Kenya. Keshule has a particular ministry in Turkana, and visits that area in the North of Kenya frequently. Before moving to Africa, Ali lived in our Parish. We have supported Ali and Keshule since they were married and, because they depend on regular support – from us as well as others, we have set up a standing order, by which £250 is paid into their bank account four times each year.

A similar amount is reserved for Emergency Appeals. For example, we made a donation towards the Diocesan Lent Appeal to buy a vehicle to help with the serious shortage of water in the north of our link Diocese in Kenya.

The rest of the Tithe for 2017 was divided equally between six charities. A cheque for £446 was sent to each of them. They are:- *Chelmsford Community Transport*

*CHES Homeless*, whose Hub has recently moved to New London Road (our prayers are requested, particularly for the trustees, staff and those they help).

*The Grassroots Trust* – a Christian charity which supports children, in poor areas of Tanzania, Kenya, India and Romania, enabling them to be adequately fed and to benefit from education. The Grassroots team works closely with local Christians, and members of the team visit regularly – interviewing children who are put forward for sponsorship and checking on their progress. In the ‘thank you’ letter, an invitation is given for any interested member of our Parish to join one of these trips.

*Marie Curie*, who support people with a terminal illness, personally and through a support line and campaign for the improvement of end-of-life care.

*Premier Christian Radio*, which, in addition to its work in broadcasting, supplies Bible reading notes, which are used by several members of our congregation.

*28 Too Many* – an organisation working towards the eradication of the practice of female genital mutilation.

Later in the year, a group will consider which causes to support with the 2018 Tithe. Do get in touch if you have any thoughts about this.

