

Bromley Parish Church Monthly Alms:

The Charity represented for the month of February is: **Diocesan Ministry among the Deaf:**

Imagine going to church, but not being able to hear the music, prayers, readings or sermon, or even people talking. Then imagine the same when you go into a shop or to the doctor, or anywhere else. Most of us do not realise the isolation of being deaf, although many experience the frustration of being hard-of-hearing.

The Diocesan Ministry among the Deaf seeks to communicate the Christian faith and offer pastoral care to those who cannot hear. It also plays an important role in raising deaf awareness. More churches need loop systems to help those with hearing aids. Sometimes a signing interpreter is needed to help clergy or others at a funeral or a wedding. Some deaf people are themselves growing in their Christian ministry and may need some financial support for further training.

This worthy Fund which is used in these and many other ways to support special ministry among the deaf and hard-of-hearing requires all the assistance it can muster and deserves the continuing support and endeavours on its behalf that St Peter and St Paul gives to it.

Donations are received for all our represented charities through General Communion Alms; Harvest Collections; Christmas Collections; Special Collections; Traidcraft Stall Contributions and Monthly Objects – the subject of this article. The proceeds from the St Petertide and November Fairs benefit the charity or charities of the Organisers' choice.

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