

**Bromley Parish Church
Monthly Alms:**

The charity represented for the month of January is:

The SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING
CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE - SPCK
'300 years of Worldwide Ministry'

Studying scripture is fundamental for those with a special calling to ordained ministry. Yet many studying for the ministry in the developing world have few financial resources and live in the context of war, famine, disease and poverty. They are unable to meet basic needs and in countries where a paperback can cost a week's wages, books provided by USPG can be the only ones, apart from the Bible, that a priest or pastor may own.

SPCK Worldwide is the grant making division of The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. It assists the development of local Christian publishing and Christian bookselling through out the world, especially in developing countries and helps to provide literature and communication resources for education, worship and the training of church leaders in many different denominations.

SPCK Worldwide gives away more than 50,000 books a year. These go to over 3,000 ordinands in nearly 40 countries of the developing world. Through its Books for Life programme, each student receives a mini-library of up to 20 resource books and Bible commentaries. Together with the Indian SPCK, SPCK Worldwide can provide a full mini-library for £60.

This very worthy cause requires all the assistance it can muster and deserves the continuing support of St Peter and St Paul.

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