

Bromley Parish Church Monthly Alms:

The charity represented for the month of June is: **The Church Army**

The Revd. Wilson Carlile, then a young curate at St Mary Abbots, Kensington founded the Church Army in 1882. It has been at the heart of evangelism within the established Church since. His aim was to take the Gospel to all, but particularly to those suffering the injustices of the age. This has been their goal ever since.

Under its current Chief Secretary, Philip Johanson, a review of its work, produced a strategy paper "People to People" and the development of the Five Areas of Focus for which it now trains its evangelists: -

1. Working with Dioceses and Deaneries on evangelism projects across the country bringing vision for outreach; providing resources and training and creating area-based evangelism initiatives.
2. Developing Church Planting initiatives across the country, working in areas that have no obvious Christian presence; building relationships between the church and the community and training and equipping new church leaders.
3. Working with children and young people, training youth leaders and children's workers; exploring new ways to relate the Gospel to children and youth culture and helping young people to recognise their gifts.
4. Committing itself to reaching those in need and liaising with churches and existing projects; working in partnership with local actions groups with its own substantial building based work.
5. Recognising the value of older people in our community; working with churches to tackle local needs; developing community-visiting schemes and providing residential care.

The Church Army's 400 officers around the country are making a real difference where it counts. They want to share more about the Church Army with the Church at large – what it

does and why it does it. This very worthy cause requires all the assistance it can muster and deserves the continuing support and endeavours on its behalf that St Peter and St Paul gives it.

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