

## Bromley Parish Church Monthly Alms:

During the month of November two Charities are represented in our Alms Giving:

**Education Enterprise** and  
**Remembrance - The Royal British Legion**

### Education Enterprise

(formerly The Bishop's Fund for Mission)

Through its schools the Anglican Church is in touch with a large number of children and their parents. It provides an education in a context where belief and faith matter. Such schools are popular with parents and very much in demand.

The Church has unique opportunities in education to take its share in providing new schools for the community, in after-school care and in life-long learning. The education of the young has always been an important part of the Church's mission and during the years ahead the Diocese of Rochester has the chance to extend this mission by expanding the number of Church Schools.

The completion of the new Secondary Church School in Bromley this year has been a tremendous achievement, providing a great incentive to the fund raising efforts of Education Enterprise and encouragement to forge ahead and make a dream a reality.

By giving to Education Enterprise through our monthly alms programme Bromley Parish Church has an opportunity to contribute towards supporting the coming generation of young people, as well as those who will follow, by

- Helping to provide After-School Clubs;
- Assisting Controlled Schools to become Aided Schools (ones where the church has more influence);
- Investing in three more Primary Schools to keep Church Schools abreast of new growth.

Education Enterprise needs your help to make the most of this "opportunity" so that an increasing number of children can benefit from a Christian Education.

### The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion, founded in 1921 is the leading charity safeguarding the welfare, interests and memory of those who have served in the Armed Forces. Nearly 15 million people are eligible for support from the Legion.

The Legion provides:-

- Accommodation in seven residential care homes
- Care in three convalescent units
- Home visits to the long-term sick and housebound
- Free advice and help over war, disablement and war windows pensions
- Holidays for severely disabled people
- Help for those who would like to visit a relative's war grave
- Individual grants for those in need
- Employment for ex-Service people, many disabled, within the Legion and its related companies
- Advice and financial support to ex-Service people wanting to start a business
- Help for ex-Service people in finding jobs and courses to equip them for civilian life.

The Poppy Appeal, arguably the nation's most important annual appeal, raises only half of the funds the Legion needs to carry out its welfare and benevolent work. Funds are also raised through events, legacies, donations, sales and sponsorship – it receives no Government financial support and is entirely dependent on voluntary donations.

The Royal British Legion needs our help in its excellent work of safeguarding the welfare, interests and memory of those who have served in the Armed Forces and to maintain its theme for the new millennium of remembrance, reflection and hope.

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 these articles.

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