



## NEWSLETTER

March 2017

Hello, lovely people at St Mark's

We just wanted to update you on our church's connection with Tearfund as several people have been asking different questions about this. First of all, a huge thank you to all those who are supporting Tearfund either through regular giving, Tearfund Sunday or one of the many other initiatives we have to support this fantastic organisation.

As you know, we were a Connected Church with Kigezi in Uganda. However, several other churches support this project, so last year we switched to supporting Uganda through the Change A Nation project. Most of our giving to Tearfund last year went to this project.

This year however Saju and the PCC have agreed that we should support the Sahaara Project in India. This brilliant project is helping many people who are trapped in the Red Light district of Mumbai – including young people and children.

As you also know, there is a trip being planned to India in April 2018 and part of this trip will include a group of people visiting the Red Light district and learning first-hand about the work Tearfund is doing there. In this way, we will begin to become truly 'connected' with what is happening in India.

Please have a look at the Tearfund notice board for the latest update from Sahaara. If you would like a printed copy of this update, please do not hesitate to ask us. You can also find out more information about Sahaara by looking at the Tearfund website. And you can sign up for regular updates from Tearfund about this project by using the link below.

<http://connected.tearfund.org/en/partners/sahaara/>

Using the above link you should then follow the prompts when asked to give your email address and the name of your church.

Please note, for those of you who give monthly to Tearfund via a direct debit, it is entirely your choice which project you wish to support. However, if you wish to switch your giving to support Sahaara, rather than whatever project you support at the moment, it will be necessary for you to contact Tearfund directly, as they obviously need your authority to make any changes.

If you would like to start giving regularly each month to the Sahaara project, then we'd love to give you the relevant forms to complete.

Let's follow Jesus where the need is greatest.

With love, from Mo and Monica