

Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2017

This Lent I am inviting your support for two contrasting charities. One is large and well known, its roots stretching back to early medieval times; the other is a small recently formed organisation. Both seek to meet the needs of our modern world.

Christians have long shared a concern for those displaced, homeless and in exile. It is not surprising then that the refugee crisis touches us deeply. *Collective Calling* is the response of one young man to this desperate need; through his work we have the opportunity to be good news to the poor.

St John Scotland is part of the family of charities for centuries associated with medical and rescue services. Its defibrillator project is already saving lives in Scotland. We are invited to support financially, to offer places where a defibrillator may be accessed and to offer help in other ways.

Two projects, one working far from home, one very close to home; both showing love for our neighbour in practical ways. If you are able, please support them generously.

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St John and the City Defibrillator Project

“Each year in Scotland, over 3,500 people are treated by the Ambulance Service following a cardiac arrest, but only around 1 in 20 will survive. Defibrillation works in synergy with CPR, and is most effective the earliest it is performed. Delivering a defibrillatory electrical shock to the heart within 3-5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 75%”. – Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest, A Strategy for Scotland, Scottish Government, 2015.

St John and the City is a public access defibrillator (PAD) project run by the Edinburgh committee of St John Scotland. Businesses, voluntary organisations, civic institutions and individuals, known as **Donors** provide funding for the PADs. These are then placed with **Hosts** at strategic sites across Edinburgh.

Guardians are volunteers who monitor the PADs, ensuring they are in place and in working order. A member from the Edinburgh Team of St John Scotland (known as the **Coordinator**) is responsible for maintaining the Defibrillator Register and they share this information with the Scottish Ambulance Service.



For more information or to find out about how you can volunteer please visit the website

www.stjohnandthecity.org.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC000262



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COLLECTIVE CALLING

A small humanitarian organisation, we work with volunteers, community leaders and local suppliers in Greece and Serbia to provide the immediate needs of desperate people in migrant camps - needs for basic materials which are urgent but which can be overlooked in the vastness of the refugee crisis.



Processed food but no fresh produce? We ensure a regular supply of fruit and veg. Sanitation but no loo paper? We provide what is needed. No dry fuel for cooking fires? We supply logs. Hundreds of destitute families in a mountain top camp? We provide baby formula, clean water and sanitary products. No winter clothes in a snow bound camp? We provide warm clothing for people who have lost everything. Emergency rations but no bread? We ensure a supply of flour.



Collective Calling collaborate with other small charities to 'plug the gaps' and answer immediate needs. Founded by Paul and Gemma Carr, two young Christians who gave up their own comfortable lives to become the answer to their own prayers.

You can read their story and find more information at www.collectivecalling.org

Collectively we can make a difference. Thank you and have a blessed Lent.

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Donations should be made payable to your local church

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