

THE ALICE FOUNDATION - LIGHT FOR LIFE

England & Wales · Charity number 1161281

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-04-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE PEOPLE RESIDING IN THE JARANWALA AND SURROUNDING AREA OF PAKISTAN, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Raising funds to support the community of Chak 238, Kamoana, Jaranwala, District Faisalabad, Pakistan to purchase piece of land on which to build community centre which will be used as an education centre and place of worship.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Pakistan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£10,684	£13,182	-	-
2024-03-31	£11,948	£6,153	-	-
2023-03-31	£11,147	£3,316	-	-
2022-03-31	£6,970	£11,998	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,803	£500	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RAKHEL SMITH	Chair	2015-09-01
CYNTHIA MARY BAFICO		2015-09-01
MARILYN PRIDAY		2015-09-01

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10th Birthday of Alice Foundation and our Annual Curry and Carols



Join us to Celebrate
the 10th anniversary of our Charity
Alice Foundation – Light for Life
For Curry and Carols



Trinity Methodist Church, Glasllwch Lane,
Newport NP20 3PU
Saturday 23rd November at 6pm. £15 per ticket

All proceeds to
Alice Foundation, which has set up a school a church
and community Centre, In a village in Pakistan
called Kamoanna Chak 238, near Jaranwala.

Any queries contact :-
Cynthia 07905567717, Rakhel 07859380338 or Marilyn 07515570971



A few words before we cut the cake!

Iven thanking his Christmas Elf Cynthia and all the folk present for joining the ever-increasing numbers meeting for Curry and Carols at Trinity. Happy Birthday Alice Foundation.



Fundraising Events

<p>7</p>  <p>FUNDRAISER EVENT LIVE ASIAN MUSIC NIGHT</p> <p>A colourful musical evening with all proceeds going to The Alice Foundation. Please come and enjoy melodious music sung by a recognised Ghazal singer George Inayat accompanied by others...</p> <p>FOOD WILL BE SERVED AS PART OF THE EVENT!</p> <p>TICKET £20</p> <p>JOIN US</p> <p>Rakhel Smith - 07951068305 Iven Smith - 07859380338 Please Contact For Further Details</p> <p>14TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 6PM PONTHIR VILLAGE HALL, CAERLEON, NEWPORT, NP18 1GX</p>	 <p>Spirit Choir</p> <p>Present Sing a New Song in aid of Alice Foundation - Light for Life</p> <p>7pm. Saturday the 10th May 2025 Trinity Methodist Church Top Hall, Glaslwrch Lane, Newport, NP20 3PU</p> <p>Tickets - £12 including light Refreshments</p> <p>Please contact the following for tickets</p> <p>Rakhel Smith - Tel 07951 1068305 email rakhelsmith167@gmail.com Cynthia Baifco - Tel 07905 567717 email cynbaif@gmail.com Simon Oram - Tel 07719 644581 email simonoram@aol.com</p> <p>For information about Alice Foundation - Light for Life Website:- https://alicefoundation.co.uk/about-us</p>
 <p>MERRY Christmas</p> <p>Thank you so much to IVEN SMITH & RAKHEL SMITH for giving me help about distribution Christmas gifts in which among the most needed children's "God bless you"</p> <p>Organizer Pastor Amir Khan</p>	<p>Some of the FUNdraising events...and they are great fun. Many thanks to all our supporters.</p> <p>~ ~ ~</p> <p>And Pastor Amir is doing a great job ensuring your contributions give the children of the village a very happy Christmas as well as the year-round education they receive.</p>   <p>PONTHIR VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>CURRY NIGHT</p> <p>FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 2024</p> <p>7.30 p.m. £15</p> <p>Raising Funds For The Alice Foundation:</p> <p>Join us once again for a great social evening where we can enjoy the authentic curry skills of Rakhel, Iven and their support team in a three course meal. All money raised goes to provide resilience and sustainability for the continuing success of the school and church built by The Alice Foundation which is helping children access education in a caring and respectful environment.</p> <p>For more information or tickets contact: Sue 420676 or 07791487294; Rakhel 07951068305; or Marilyn 872347 or 07515570971</p>

Other Fundraising

Rakhel, family and friends catering for events for the following organisations – sometimes more than once

- For Amy & Glen Morris: Winding Snake film company
- Ponthir curry night
- Asian Music Night at Ponthir Village Hall
- Urban circle
- Curry and Carols at Trinity, which was also our 10th Anniversary as a charity
- Coffee Morning at Trinity
- Food for events for youth workers at Community House
- Events for police
- Asian costumes and food tasting
- Food for Maindee Library events
- International Women’s Day at the Riverfront

Rakhel and Iven Smith and Roger and Cynthia Bafico were invited to Frodsham Methodist Church by Reverend Gordon Gresswell. They gave a talk on the project with one of Roger’s lovely videos.

We have been busy spreading the word - letting people know about the story and achievements of the Alice Foundation.

Our “spread the word” team: Rakhel, Iven, Cynthia, Marilyn and Susan, in varying combinations, and over the years, have spoken to the University of the Third Age (U3A), St. Julian’s Methodist Church, Coffee’n’Laughs, Probus (a church women’s group in Pontnewenydd), Ponthir Women’s Institute, Rotary, Churches Together in Wales Racial Justice Committee, The Interfaith Council for Wales.

We are happy to do the same with any organisations that will invite us.

We have also built strong relationships with the Headteachers of Maindee, Pillgwenlly and Stow Hill Primary Schools.

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These organisations are so important to us for their ongoing support – and this would not happen if the quality of what the team delivers was not consistently great.

Risen from the Ashes 1. The building



How fabulous is this!!

We thank God, that from the heartbreak of our devastated school and church, there is now this beautifully finished building.

Thanks be
to God

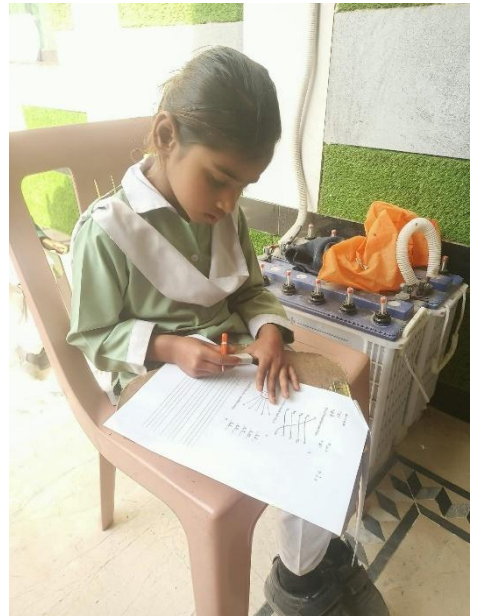
The church is designed for big numbers who come from many villages.



Toilets replacing the ones originally funded by Brian Selby's 2p to pee at his Tuesday Lunch Club (TLC).



Older pupils in class



Such concentration from youngsters



Examination time



Christmas Presents

Photos of the children in school



Pakistan Day Celebration



Saying Prayers on Pakistan Day



Presentation of new books, to every child, for reading and for writing.



All the books were bought by Iven Smith, While he was visiting the school.



Enjoying being in class



Older girls on the computers

Celebrating Easter – Maundy Thursday in the chapel



While our **school** is changing lives for the young people, Christian and Muslim alike, in Jaranwala, Pastor Amir's **church** is sustaining the spirit of a faithful Christian community.

Just a decade ago, this congregation would be meeting outside, regardless of heat, cold or monsoon and coffins were sheltered in tarpaulin tents. Through your help their worship is given dignity. In a tent or in a palace, they are with God. But let us thank all our supporters, everyone who worked on the original building and those in authority or directing charities who repaired our building. Their work testifies to a project of hope, courage and love.

Uplifting

To those joining us for the first time, **welcome**. To those joining for the 10th time – **well done good and faithful servants**. AGM's are normally dry, number orientated events which are to be endured rather than enjoyed. Not so with **Alice Foundation**. Here we have the privilege of being part of a project, small in world terms but huge in the impact on a community and their children.

Our earliest photographs showed children playing on rubbish dumps and not attending the almost derelict school. Those little children are now the senior class and some of them are even assisting the teaching staff. While there is no denying growing up in a poor rural area will continue to limit opportunities, what we can claim is that an education where there was none before taps into individual potential and opens horizons. The school aids the harmony of a Muslim and Christian village. There are heartwarming stories of Muslim neighbours helping their Christian friends during the time of the riots just two Augusts ago; equally Christians rallying round to help during flooding.

We, just ordinary people living a long way away from our adopted Pakistan village, can, with our fundraising energies, make a true contribution to understanding between countries, cultures, faiths and those no faith.

Alice events

We would like to direct you to our website www.alicefoundation.co.uk and our Face Book page **Alice Foundation - Light for Life**

Finally, the Charity relies on a huge number of family and friends of Rakhel and Iven and those of other trustees and advisors who embrace the ethos of Alice. We would like to thank everyone who has donated money to this cause and all who have volunteered and given their time to make all this achievable. All trustees and volunteers have worked exceptionally hard. Siama and Marilyn and Roger must be thanked for their work with taking and/or managing the wonderful bank of photographs we have. We continue to receive help from folk connected in one way or another to Community House, Eton Road and we are particularly thankful for the continued support from Trinity Methodist. Cynthia and Roger are joined by so many others of that church in working for the cause.

Rakhel, Iven and all the Trustees thank you most sincerely for your continuing support.

You will see on our final page images of the devastation caused to village homes from recent floods. Pastor Amir was quick to give relief with meals etc. and, although not to do with the school/church specifically, we intend sending funds to help. Any further donations will be gratefully received.

After the recent flood



In the words of Pastor Amir Masih on Facebook (That's where the photographs have come from)

Your attention can change someone's life, those lives that have been badly affected by the rains and landslides here. Please, your attention can also change a life with a sense of morality and a way of living. Please pray for these people and send help.

I believe God put in your heart about Pakistani Christian people's. God bless you 🙏 all family'

Fund Raising for events	£4,504.55
Groceries for events	£936.99
Total Money raised from Catering events	£3,567.56

Financial Report

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For AGM on August 8th at Trinity Methodist,
Glasllwch and on Zoom

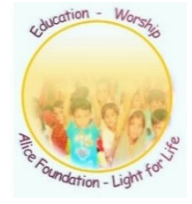
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Alice Sponsored Walk - Porthcawl - July 2023



Sponsored Walk in Porthcawl

As usual, Chris and Elaine organised another great day out and one of our best fundraisers. Quite a few of us met at Rest Bay, Porthcawl, on a windy but sunny day on Saturday 3rd June 2023. The plan was to walk to the Marina and back, which was approximately 4 miles.

It was an easy walk and enjoyed by everyone. Plans are afoot to include a more difficult walk one day.



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- For Amy/food Winding Snake film company
- Sue/ Ponthir curry night
- Urban circle
- For Maxine’s anniversary party
- Curry and Carols at Trinity
- Coffee Morning at Trinity
- Lunch for Eton Rd
- Lunch for Older People's Commissioner event
- Events for police
- Asian costumes and food tasting
- Food for Maindee Library
- International Women’s Day at the Riverfront

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Salaries – which we pay towards

ALICE FOUNDATION GIRL HIGH		
Sr No.	Staff Name	Salary Amount
1	Miss Mehreen Pervaiz	30,000
2	Miss Arfa Pervaiz	9,000
3	Miss Amrina Irfan	7,000
4	Miss Aqsa	7,000
5	Miss Shagufta	7,000
6	Miss Katreen	9,000
7	Miss Malaika	6,500
8	Miss Aisha	6,000
9	Miss Zarimsha	7,000
10	Miss Shanza	7,000
11	Miss Sumaira	8,000
12	Sir Sagar	15,000
13	Maid Safia	6,000
14	Maid Nohi	7,000
15	Ricksha Rent	15,000
16	Ricksha Rent	15,000

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The University of the Third Age (U3A)
 St. Julian’s Methodist Church
 Coffee’n’Laughs at Community House
 Probus
 a church women’s group in the Ebenezer Centre, Pontnewynydd and

Ponthir Women’s Institute (WI)

We are happy to do the same with any organisations that will invite us.

Some Alice Foundation Events this year

Our annual Curry and Carols went off very well, as usual. Special thanks to Trinity for hosting and Roger Bafico and Roger Thomas for leading the singing. The Trinity ladies, led by Cynthia, are also to be thanked – and then, so are Rakhel’s family and friends who did the cooking and the serving. It was a lovely evening, a good introduction to the season of Advent.



Rakhel and some women from Coffee’n’Laughs and from Age Alive were invited to several Police Stations (not under arrest!) to have events where they showed, and talked about, cultural costumes and food. What a good idea! And it all helps to fill the Alice coffers. Besides that, they had a lot of fun.



The Disastrous event in Pakistan in August 2023

Sad events in Jaranwala on 16th August 2023 left us reeling. Many churches and Christian homes were destroyed in and around the area.



How wonderful it was to see the school up and running in just a few days! How resilient were the marvellous people in our little village! Learning out in the open air.

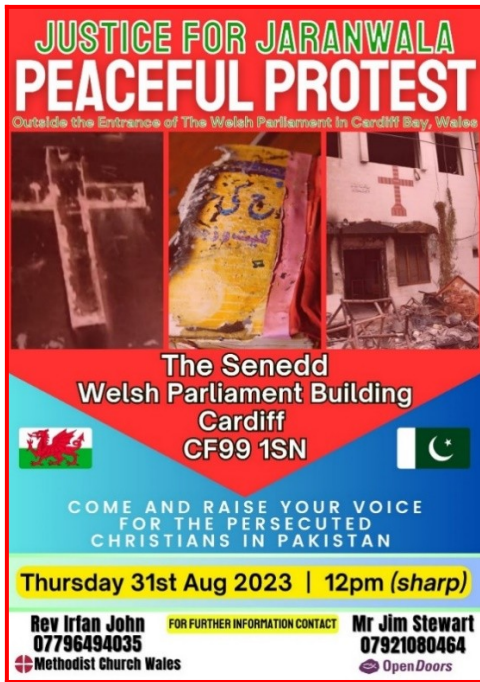


Signs of Regrowth

Much sooner than we expected the builders started their work of putting everything right. Soon the children could go back into the school building but sitting on the floor.

Now, although there is still work to do on the building it has been in full use and the children have been able to sit their annual exams as normal. We are delighted.





The burning happened because it was considered that some Christians had broken the blasphemy law. Many of us met to protest on the steps of the Sennedd. This was very well organised by Revd. Irfan John of the Methodist Church of Wales and Jim Stewart of Open Doors Charity. As a charity board we met with Jessica Morden MP and she promised to bring it up, together with other problems with Pakistan, in the House of Commons. It was also brought up by Revd. John and Marilyn Priday in the Racial Justice meeting of Churches Together in Wales. Daud John made a presentation to the meeting after Revd. Irfan, and he went to Pakistan. Consequently, **a letter was sent to the Foreign Commonwealth and Development office, asking them to investigate the affair**



The reply stated

'The British High Commission in Islamabad continues to engage with Pakistan on the crucial need to ensure the safety of the Christian community. We would like to thank you for your engagement on the challenges facing Pakistan's religious minorities.

We can assure you that the UK will continue our important work in Pakistan, including direct engagement with the new Government, to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief for all of Pakistan's citizens.

Yours sincerely,

*Pakistan, Afghan Security and Operations Department
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. '*

'Unfortunately, we have heard of other such atrocities since then. There is obviously much work still to be done.

www.alicefoundation.co.uk

and our Face Book page **Alice Foundation -**

Light for Life

Joyous Christmas
celebration

Thanks

We are so thankful for the love, generosity and support that came from friends and organisation when it was so much needed.

We are grateful to the Bristol Asian Church and the care they have shown to us.

The Pakistani government helped to rebuild in a very timely manner, but this only went so far. Now we are finishing where they left off. We had donations of computers, tables and chairs from different organisations, some from American agencies: many people visited the site to see the devastation, and this prompted donations. Mustafa Fareed from Dubai donated the ceiling fans originally and thankfully did the same thing again after the destruction.

Special thanks also go to Mustafa Ibrahim and family and Zaib Ahmed for donating money for schoolbooks.

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We continue to receive help from folk connected in one way or another to Community House, Eton Road and we are particularly thankful for the continued support from Trinity Methodist, which has once again adopted The Alice Foundation – Light for Life as their designated charity. Cynthia and Roger are joined by so many others of that church in working for the cause. In fact, special thanks are due to Roger and Cynthia, when in lieu of gifts on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, they asked for donations to The Alice Foundation.

Brian Selby from Community House Presbyterian Church of Wales started collecting 2p to pee when we first set up the charity. He was collecting from the TLC senior's lunch club. Now that he has retired, he contributes from his own pocket.

Rakhel, Iven and all the Trustees thank you most sincerely for your continuing support. Yet again, despite the very disturbing events in Jaranwala of August 2023, it has been a very



successful year. We can only hope and pray that everyone there is recovering from the trauma.

John Mountford

to me

Good Afternoon, Marilyn.

I am pleased to confirm that I audited the Account of the Charity known as 'THE ALICE FOUNDATION for the year ending 5/4/24. The Income for the period was £11947 and all details on the account were found correct.

JOHN MOUNTFORD (Independent Auditor)

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

2022/2023	Item	2023/2024
£2,366.40	Personal Donations	£3,042.74
£0.00	Gift Aid (Application being made)	£0.00
£16.63	Easy Fundraising	£0.00
£6,812.15	Catering for Events	£7,620.05
£827.00	Sponsored Walk	£629.00
£1,125.12	Trinity Methodist Collections	£556.00
£0.00	Bristol British Asians Collection	£100.00
	Total Fundraising	£11,947.79
£11,147.30	Total	£11,947.79
£7,831.30	Excess for Year	£5,794.34

2022/2023	Item	2023/2024
£2,300.00	To Pakistan, towards salaries and donations	£4,500.00
£844.00	Groceries for Events	£1,472.19
£172.00	website annual subscription	£181.26
£3,316.00	Total Expenditure	£6,153.45

Balance

Bank 31st March 2023	£11,837.66
Bank 31st March 2024	£17,632.00

Increase in Balance	£5,794.34
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Treasurer *M. Priday*

Independent Examiner *John Mansford*
22/6/24

Fund Raising for events		7620.05
Groceries for events		1472.19
Total Money raised from Catering events		6147.86

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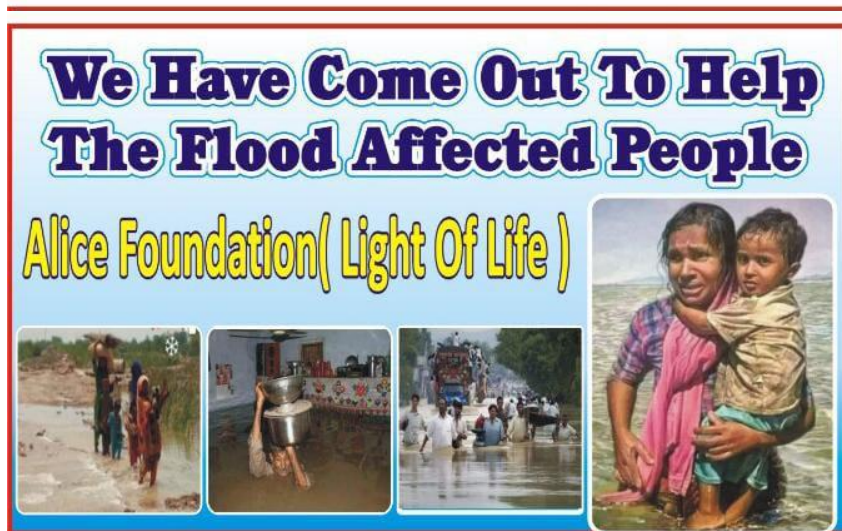
Alice Sponsored Walk – Symonds Yat – July 2022



As always, Chris and Elaine organised another great day out and one of our best fundraisers. Of course, it had to be one of the hottest days of the year which meant plenty of ice lollies and cold drinks at the end!!!

We had some special guests: Jessica's lovely neighbours, Gagan and Baljeet Dhillon, who walked while Elaine and Jess looked after the children; Sonia on holiday enjoying the British summer and Ludmila who needed some relief having just arrived from Ukraine. So, a good day for everyone, well supported by generous folk from Trinity and Community House

Other events



Our village, Kamoanna, turned out in strength to support their less fortunate countrymen suffering from last June's devastating floods in Sindh.

They sewed and collected much needed clothing and the Pastor, and his colleague travelled many hours to deliver them together with food supplies – all done in the name of The Alice Foundation. Our building became the support hub for the mission.

How funds have been made:-

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- Urban Circle
- Community House Youth Work YMCO
- Age Alive
- Winding Snake and Screen Skills
- Newport Live for International Women’s Day
- Race Equality First
- Interfaith Council for Wales
- University of South Wales
- Gwent Police
- UK CRK Foot in the Door
- British Red Cross

Fundraising Events

- Posh Tea for Coffee’n’Laughs
- Sponsored Walk
- Ponthir Women’s Institute
- Trinity Methodist Curry and Carols
- Trinity Methodist also held a number of fundraising events such as coffee mornings and afternoon teas, thanks to Cynthia and helpers.

5-09-2022 To 5-10-2022 Monthly Report

Dignitation	School Teacher Salri	Amount
1. Principal	Mis. Sadaf Zahid Sarfraz	8500
2. Vice Principal	Mis. Khatreen	6500
3. Adman	Zahid Yaqoob	8500
4. Teacher	Samrin	6500
5. Teacher	Resham	5000
6. Teacher	Shagufta	5500
7. Teacher	Sumaira	5000
9. Teacher	arifa	5500
10. Mad helper	Nani	5500
11. Society Gard Night		7000
	Total	63500

School Expenses Monthly Report

School Per day Tea	150*30	4500
Soap for hand wash in student	100*30	3000
Washroom Things per day	150*30	4500
Water can per day	40*30	1200
Ram for computer work	1 box 1,400*2 per month	4200
School petrol per day	500*30	15000
Paper sheet for students	Eng urdu math 200*30	6000
Office teachers stationery	Pen,whitener,highlighter etc.	3600
	360*30	
	Total	42300

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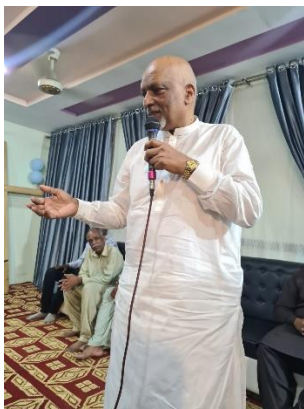
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Ivan and Rakhel visit Jaranwala November 2022 May



Some of fantastic students during the first year of the school's operating and the above two photographs are from a Cultural Day Celebration held at the school.

Tlven visited on his own in May



Congratulations! The end of year results were very good and all students were able to progress to the next class. Well done. Iven was particularly struck by how quickly the young people had taken on board the behaviours, manners and attitudes required for school life.



The successful students looking so smart in their school uniform.

Alice events



Curry & Carols
2/12/2022 @ 6pm

In Aid of Alice Foundation

Trinity Methodist Church
Glasllwch Lane
Newport
NP20 3PU

Contact Cynthia 01633 897985

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Come Dine with Us

Enjoy a lovely home made curry meal (3 courses), cooked by Rakhel and Iven, as you socialise with friends old and new.

You will be supporting a poor village where Christians and Muslims live as neighbours, in which the Charity has built a Christian church and a multi-faith school.

When?	Friday May 19th 2023
Where?	Ponthir Village Hall
Time?	7pm
Cost?	£15

For tickets contact
Sue 07791 487294
Marilyn 07515 570971
Rakhel 07859 380338

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This charity was set up to build a community Centre for a school and worship in a village in Pakistan. The building is almost complete and the pupils are in school. We still need money to support the running of the school. For more details :- please see Facebook page 'Alice Foundation - Light for Life' <http://Alicefoundation.co.uk/>

Website

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Hallelujah.....we did it. Whilst the church has been in use for some years now, Covid delays hit the opening of the school, but in March 2022 the school opened and we are delighted to report the students and teachers have had a most successful year.

In the new year, the final push was made, plumbing, electrics etc. were put in place and they could open in March 2022. You will have seen from the pictures that there are large student numbers. The Pastor and Headteacher with their staff, a mix of paid and volunteer teachers, have been delighted with the enthusiasm the young people.

In November 2022 Rakhel and Ivan visited and were really heartened with the progress being made. They were welcomed both at the school and by the church. Unfortunately, Rakhel became poorly over there and, even when she returned home, she was not well for some time. The next visit shown in the pictures is of when Ivan spoke to a gathering in the church and we are so pleased to see how lovingly the church has been decorated.

All of this has been achieved through your support. We can sigh with relief; the building phase of the project is completed. Our challenge now is to help the staff and volunteers over there maintain stability so they can be confident of the future. We knew from the beginning we were in for the long haul.....quick fixes are easy.....but you, we, are staying committed to the job Ivan and Rakhel asked of us and with God's help, we will be changing lives and releasing potential for many years to come.

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Rakhel, Iven and all the Trustees thank you most sincerely for your continuing support.

FUND RAISING

Easy Fundraising	£16.63
catering for events	£6,812.15
sponsored walk	£827.00
TOTAL	£7,655.78

Groceries for catering for events

£844.00

So actual total catering for events

£6,811.78

**Financial
Report**

THE ALICE FOUNDATION - Light for Life

Charity Number 1161281

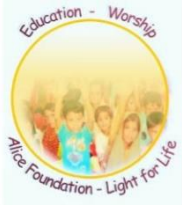
For AGM 2023 At Trinity Methodist and On Zoom

As at 31/3/2023

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Christmas gifts for the children thanks to The Alice Foundation



As well as distributing gifts at Christmas at the centre, Pastor Amir and colleagues went out into the village to make sure all the children received a present.

The building is almost complete



What an achievement! Under the supervision of the Pastor and the retired volunteer Head teacher, the school opened in March, the beginning of the academic year in Pakistan. With a mixed team of volunteers and paid staff, classes began. What a wonderful thing for two small faith groups – here and in Pakistan – to have made happen.

School Starts



Classes sorted,
registration done,
the work of the
school begins.



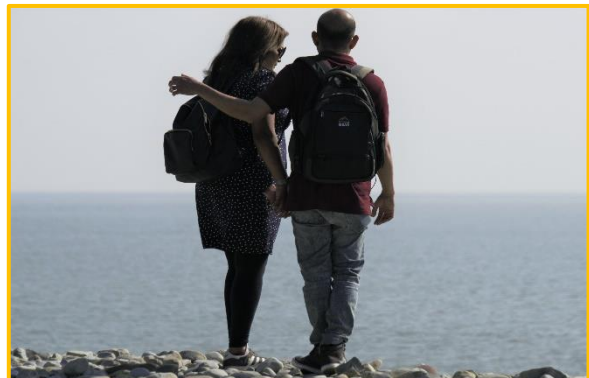
Cheerful faces tell
it all. From the
little ones to their
older siblings, a
real enthusiasm
for learning is
obvious.



But when it comes
to lining up who is
to be first in line?

Herding cats
would be easier!

Alice Sponsored Walk - Porthkerry Park – Sept. 2021



Well, we made it. Flooded out on the first date, we nevertheless had a fun hour or two and a delicious picnic while sheltering under the umbrellas of the café. Then, on a bright day a few days later, we went for it. Yes, challenging but super rewarding and, as every year, a great contribution to the fund raising. Thank you, walkers, sponsors and caterers!!!!

International Women's Day at the Riverfront



The reputation for a great lunch from Alice Foundation workers has become really well known.

Once again we were invited to the Riverfront to provide some wonderful food.

International Women's Day is a fabulous event and our stall was able to showcase the project and encourage others to join.

Garden Tea Party at Rakhel and Iven's



Oh! At last – hurrah! A chance to get together in the sun instead of on Zoom.

We had a lovely “posh tea” at Rakhel and Iven’s with a great group of Alice workers and their friends. We are particularly glad to be including this photograph (above) as we remember our dear friend and early, constant Alice supporter, Dr Claire Watkins.



Can I please direct you to our website www.alicefoundation.co.uk and our Facebook page **Alice Foundation - Light for Life**

This Annual General Meeting could not be more exciting. The work and the fundraising of the last six years have come to fruition. This fundraising will continue as we endeavour to provide a small but regular contribution to the church and school as they face the future.

We spoke last year about how important the building had been for the village during the prolonged difficulties of the pandemic. And, through making presentations to various groups, we have been given donations and made further contacts in Pakistan, specifically the Polio and TB vaccination programmes.

So here we are – able to hand over the church and school, confident that at the Pakistan end we have committed and knowledgeable people taking things forward. Whilst we will always be happy to advise when asked, what we will not be doing is undertaking the legal responsibilities of the Alice Foundation building and its management.

In another year impacted by Covid, fundraising events have had to be carefully planned, but as the world begins to live with the virus, we look forward to more social events in the coming year: tea parties, shared meals and maybe another wonderful Bollywood evening.

As always, this past year of fundraising has relied on a huge number of family and friends of myself and Iven, the Trustees and Advisors together with the church membership at Trinity and Community House. The spirit of Alice is honoured in everything they all do, and we would like to thank everyone who has donated money to this cause and all who have volunteered and given their time to make all this achievable and a success.

I must thank all the above but also want to mention my dear Iven who has project managed the building, Chris and Elaine for their work on the annual sponsored walk, Marilyn for the photographic, accountancy and I.T. work she does, Cynthia and Roger for the commitment and hard work, John for the accounts auditing, Susan for supporting me in presentations and my family and friends.

The faces in the photos and videos tell such a successful story. As I said earlier, we plan to send a modest but regular contribution to add to the fundraising undertaken in Pakistan. This will be important for the management to be confident of at least some of the ongoing costs e.g. to keep staff paid and the building maintained. So, to that end, may we urge you, if you have not already done so already, to make a regular standing order to the Foundation.

The heartfelt thanks have been expressed by all our friends in Pakistan.

Rakhel Smith – Founder Trustee

INCOME

2020/21		2021/22
1683	Personal Donations	£2,548.00
	Gift Aid HMRC	£1,067.68
	Just Giving	£743.96
300	Fund Raising (See over)	£2,610.00

1983

TOTAL

£6,969.64

1983

Excess/Shortfall for Year

£4,028.22

EXPENDITURE

2020/21		2021/22
0	Building work	£10,700.00
0	Food for events	£154.00
	website: annual fee	£143.86

0

TOTAL

£10,997.86

Balance
Bank 31st April 2022
Bank 31st April 2021
DECREASE IN BALANCE

£4,006.36
£8,034.58
-£4,028.22

Treasurer: *M. Friday* 31/3/22
Independent Examiners
W. J. MOUNTFORD 31/3/22

Original Signed.

FUND RAISING

Catering £800.00
Sponsor Walk £1,810.00

TOTAL

£2,610.00

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For AGM 27th May 2022 (On Zoom)

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Vivo AI camera

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Well, dear friends and supporters, here we are again. The novelty has worn off Zoom meetings and we would so much like to be having our tea and biscuits, watching the slides and chatting before getting down to the business of another Annual General Meeting. It is testament to you all that even if you are not joining this year's Zoom, you will be reading this, interested and enthusiastic about the good work which has been going on since we were last together. That good work has been conducted in memory of, and in the spirit of, Rakhel's Mum Alice, who supported with whatever resources she could, in this area, where she had been midwife. If we are fortunate enough to be meeting new supporters today, we bid you welcome and tell the story of this second year of Covid challenges through these images below. We would also direct you to our website www.alicefoundation.co.uk and our Face Book page **Alice Foundation - Light for Life.**

How is the building progressing? Working on the gates.



Due to Covid, the situation of the almost finished school building has changed little; again we are on hold till “normal” conditions prevail. However, as Christians, supporting a mixed Christian and Muslim community, we can report that the building continues to be a much used centre supporting the whole village through these difficult times. As we commented last year, lockdown and local Covid restrictions have worsened the already great hardship in the village. The Trustees met and agreed these extraordinary circumstances warranted a gesture of Christian solidarity so we sent a monetary contribution to ease some of the challenges over Christmas.

Distributing food during the pandemic



The Christian community is using the church building and the photographs below remind us that just a few years ago, services like this would have been conducted outdoors in unpredictable weather conditions. We, you, have achieved much - thank you.

Maundy Thursday foot washing in the chapel



Using the chapel to sort and distribute Christmas gifts – food and toys and clothes for the children.



Naturally, our fund-raising has looked very different this year: our gratitude to all who walked as individuals.

Alice Sponsored Walk 2020 -

This year due to Covid rules people/families had to walk on their own.

Walking for Alice Foundation – Light for Life

Our indomitable friend, Elaine Harris, doing her bit for Alice Foundation.

- ❖ 1st mile for Alice completed in Tredegar Park
- ❖ 2nd mile completed on a treadmill in the gym at Newport Centre under the watchful eye of Terri Preston, Fitness Instructor.
- ❖ 3rd Mile along Canal from Pontywaun towards Risca.
- ❖ 4th mile yesterday. Canal from 14 Locks to Golf Club
- ❖ 5th Mile completed in the gym



- Chris Harris did his 10 miles sponsored walk at Symonds Yat.
- He is collecting sponsorship money .
- His friend, Ian, is also doing a walk and collecting sponsors



Marilyn and Alan – photos from Cefn Isla and Llandegfedd Reservoir



Cynthia said 'Roger and I completed our walk throughout September. We were lucky enough to be able to go to North Wales for twelve nights and Southerndown for two nights. We also walked to Caerleon to see their crochet garden plus our daily walks with the dog.'



Our message remains as it did last year: the Charity relies on a huge number of family and friends of Rakhel and Iven and those of other trustees and advisors who embrace the ethos of Alice. We would again like to thank everyone who has donated money to this cause and all who have volunteered and given their time to make all this achievable and a success. All trustees and volunteers have worked exceptionally hard. Siama and Marilyn must be thanked for their work with taking and/or managing the wonderful bank of photographs we have. The website created last year by Wayne Farmer and Amy and Glen Morris has been well used, again, thank you. We continue to receive help from folk connected in one way or another to Community House, Eton Road including our many Muslim supporters and we are particularly thankful to Brian Selby for collecting the '2p to pee' from the Tuesday Lunch Club and others to pay for the toilets. For the continued

support from Trinity Methodist, where Cynthia and Roger are joined by so many others of that church in working for the cause – many, many thanks.

Finally, we want once more to acknowledge the support, advice and hands-on work we have received from Jane Shatford of the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) over the years.

Jane has just retired from her post. We will be just one of many organisations grateful for her enthusiasm and expertise. She has been a willing helper to us and we will always be grateful for the firm footing she helped create for this project.

Many thanks to all, Rakhel Smith—Founder Trustee

Finally, we send our good wishes to Pastor Amir and all his volunteers and we leave you with some images of the children for whom this project was created.

Scenes
from
village
life



INCOME

2019/20

2020/21

1683	Personal Donations		£2,503.00
3000	Returned from Pakistan due to Bank		
	Other Donations		0
	Presbyterian Church		
	St Julian's Baptist		0
50	Trinity Methodist		0
242	Methodist World Mission		0
	Community House		
	Fund Raising - International Woman's		
6879	Day Catering		300

11854

TOTAL

2803

4737

Excess for Year

2303

31/03/2020

Balance

31/03/2021

5732

Bank

8035

4737

INCREASE IN BALANCE

2303

EXPENDITURE

2019/20

Notes

2020/21

6500	Building work (But £3500 actual)		0
51	Bank fee (Re transfers to Pakistan)		0
388	Food for events		0
145	3rd Party Insurance		0
33	Rent - Community House		0
	Covid Relief at Christmas		500

7117

TOTAL

500

(Treasurer)

M. Pindary

25/5/21

(Independent Examiner)

M. Pindary

24/5/21

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