



ALICE FOUNDATION LIGHT FOR LIFE

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

Changing lives in Jaranwala, Pakistan

Registration Number: 1161281

Date of Registration: 15th April 2015

Principal Office: 167 Risca Road, Newport, NP20 3PQ

Website: www.alicefoundation.co.uk

Tel: 07951 068305

Email address: rakhelsmith167@gmail.com

Trustees: Mrs Rakhel Smith, Mrs Marilyn Priday, Mrs Cynthia Bafico

Advisors: Mr Iven Smith, Mrs Susan Lewis, Mrs Elaine Harris, Ms Heather Eynon, Mr Roger Bafico

Secretary: Siama Smith



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

 <p>Join us to Celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Charity Alice Foundation – Light for Life For Curry and Carols</p>  <p>Trinity Methodist Church, Glasllwch Lane, Newport NP20 3PU Saturday 23rd November at 6pm. £15 per ticket</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any queries contact :- Cynthia 07905567717, Rakhel 07859380338 or Marilyn 07515570971</p>	 <p>A few words before we cut the cake!</p> <p>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.</p>
	
	

Fundraising Events

<p>7</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>PONTNIR VILLAGE HALL</p> <h1>CURRY NIGHT</h1> <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:</p> <p>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.

As you can see from the list, Rakhel and her catering volunteer team have been very busy - in fact, have become the "go to" option for a tasty buffet for many organisations around Newport.

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.



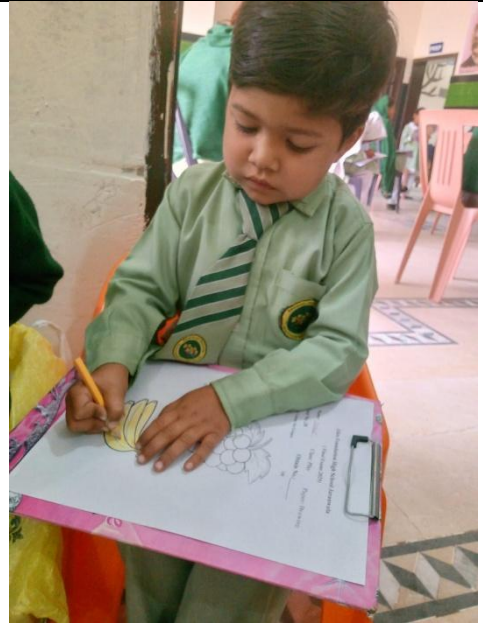
The church is designed for big numbers who come from many villages.



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

The Alice Foundation - Light for Life

Charity Number:1161281

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

		INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		Item		2023/2024		Item		2024/2025	
2023/2024									
£3,042.74		Personal Donations through bank							
£0.00		Gift Aid				To Pakistan, towards salaries and donations		11,324.00	
		Fundraising Christmas Card MD Cards				Groceries for Events		936.99	
£7,620.05		Catering for Events							
£629.00		Sponsored Walk							
£556.00		Trinity Methodist Collections/donations				website annual subscription		259.00	
£100.00		Bristol British Asians Collection							
		Parvez (mistake)				Rent Ponthir Hall		162.50	
£11,947.79		Total Income				Return Parvez		500.00	
						Total Expenditure		13,182.49	
£5,794.34		Shortfall for Year							

Balance

Bank 31st March 2024	£17,632.00
Bank 31st March 2025	£15,133.80
Decrease in Balance	£2,498.20

Treasurer M. Friday

Independent Examiner P Dickes.