

No.3: Holy Trinity – a giving church

Holy Trinity is a 'tithing' church. This means that the church gives away 10% of its income to God's work elsewhere. The Mission Support Team co-ordinates this giving which is shared between 6 agencies in the UK and abroad. This giving is in addition to the Parish Share, (which is our contribution to the diocese for funding the wider work of the church and paying the clergy costs) which is around £50,000 per year.

The Church Missionary Society (CMS) has been supported by Holy Trinity since the church's beginning. Benjamin Haigh Allen the founder of Holy Trinity, was also a founder member of the Huddersfield CMS branch in 1813, aged just 20. CMS sent Rev Henry Maddock on a preaching tour that visited Huddersfield in 1814. CMS was collecting subscriptions to educate and provide for African children recently released from slavery. The donors were entitled to name the slave child. Allen gave a £5 subscription and named a child 'Sarah Whitacre' after his fiancé whom he was soon to marry. Allen also appointed Maddock to be Holy Trinity's first minister.

The campaign to abolish slavery was led by the Yorkshire MP, William Wilberforce, who visited Allen and stayed at Greenhead several times. Slavery was finally abolished throughout the British Empire in 1834.

In 1899, through CMS, Holy Trinity joined the 'Our-Own-Missionary' scheme and £184 was given to support the work of Annie Graham in Hangchow, China where she worked until 1918.



A well-loved Holy Trinity couple, Clem and Mary Davies, upon their retirement served at the Ngora Hospital, in Uganda through CMS in 1972, returning to Huddersfield in the mid-1980s.



Jillian Cossar, was Holy Trinity's next C.M.S. link missionary she served in Kenya until September 1988. Our current CMS link is Catherine Lee who taught in schools in Mwanza and Dodoma in Tanzania. Since 2000 Catherine has been in Taiwan, at first teaching in Taichung and now supporting the church, chaplaincy and kindergarten ministry of the Diocese of Taiwan in Taipei.

Our mission partners remind us all that we are all called to serve God in our lives – indeed our church strapline is 'Loving God, Loving Huddersfield' which reflects this. Our God is a generous God and as a church we have learnt time and time again that we cannot out-give Him and that we should be generous with His gifts to us for the benefit of others.

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For more information on Catherine, see

<http://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/catherine-lee>

For more information about the work of the Mission Support Group, see

<http://www.holytrinityhuddersfield.com/what-we-do/mission-support/>