

SCORE update - February 2021

In December a grant of £2,000 was made to **'The Hope Exchange'** in Cape Town, S. Africa. This was to provide 4,000 meals to homeless people over the Christmas period.

In January a letter of thanks was received, ' I wish to express my sincere gratitude for this generous grant. Thank you for your interest in The Hope Exchange and your willingness to help our mission - a facility desperately needed by homeless people. Your grant will be an immense help to enable us to serve our homeless clients, meet some of their basic needs as well as alleviate the extreme deprivation of homeless people. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of the homeless people in the CBD of Cape Town'.

The **'Laptops for Children'** appeal was launched in January by The Catenians and SCORE. Our 3 schools (St. Joseph's; St. Osmund's; Christ the King) identified a need for 60 laptops to enable children to do schoolwork at home during lockdown. SCORE processed the money raised by the appeal and will, initially, be passing £4,000 to the schools for the purchase of laptops. Gift Aid and further donations will follow.

Monthly collections for SCORE continue and donations should go into the pink envelopes, or another envelope marked 'SCORE'. The next collection will be on 21 March and will be for home projects.

Thank you for your generosity supporting SCORE projects.

The next SCORE meeting will be on Monday 3 May 2021. Applications for grants should be submitted by 26 April, using the form on the website.

Date for your diary.

On Monday 10 May there will be a special SCORE meeting which will be open to all parishioners. It will take place, via zoom, at 7pm. This meeting will provide an opportunity to hear directly from some of the people responsible for projects supported by SCORE grants during 2020. Also, a full financial account will be provided.

Further information will be published in the newsletter in due course.