**ST MARY’S MISSION**

**“INTO ALL THE WORLD” Mark 16 verse15**

*These are our Mission Partners*

Long-standing partners are **BIBLE** SOCIETY formed 200 years ago; their aim bible translation into over 7,000 languages in the world which is costly in terms of finance and danger. Many bibles are given away free or at cost. Also bible literature freely available online which engages with children and illiterate peoples through story telling and audio versions.

Bible Society work in the UK in prisons and schools. At St Mary’s, we have used their widely successful Bible Course and a course on the book of Romans is now available.

**GINA FORBES** is a member of St Mary’s and continues her work amongst the Roma peoples of Romania. These people originally from India live in abject poverty, speaking their own language. Gina is employing a translator as she visits women often abused, abandoned by their husbands and bringing up children in difficult conditions – many are hungry for God’s help which they see as their best way ahead.

We pray for her safety, effectiveness in bringing the love of Jesus and for more acceptance by this close-knit community.

**Jean** **Berridge** promotes concerns relating to the 360m worldwide **PERSECUTED CHURCH** of Christ, using Open Doors, Release International and Barnabas Aid. Annual Worldwide Persecuted Prayer day, 5th November. See websites to join in.

**CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY (founded in 1836)** is a unique, Anglican mission agency; they see effective church ministry as the key to an open door for all to faith in Christ. We use their resources to help us in this aim with training, resourcing and supporting leaders for mission and evangelism.

Annual children’s and young people’s holiday camps, appointing evangelical clergy to their patronage churches (we are one) and seeing every Christian a courageous witness for Christ. (For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost, Luke 19.10)

**STEPHEN BELL works with European Christian Mission (ECM)** 40 years working in various Balkan countries. Currently in Croatia, he has planted thriving churches, teaching, encouraging and motivating pastors and church leaders. Has visited St Mary’s Ferndown regularly to preach but recently cancelled a visit owing to a knee injury. Many of you will remember his aunt, Olive Tall. Stephen and Tabita, have two grown up sons and a daughter. Not funded by ECM and lives by faith, supported by individuals and churches like us.

**SIMON AND SUE MORGAN** (members of St Marys) were called by God to Uganda 12 years ago undertaking with Mission Direct mission and development work. Now seeking transitioning back here, promoting Mission4Water, Sue’s charity in Uganda. Annually, several months will be spent in Africa continuing digging and maintaining boreholes and raising finance.

Simon has just returned to Uganda to lead a final volunteer team aiming to build sanitation facilities at a girls’ school. Sue joins him in November, both returning to their home in West Moors, March 2024.