And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:25 (ESV UK)

Cover: The Provost of All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya planting a tree for the Communion Forest initiative
This photo: Rice distribution in Hpa-an, Myanmar
Dear Friends,

This year has witnessed challenging situations throughout the world. We have seen the second year of conflict in Eastern Europe and new wars in Sudan and the Middle East. The significant impact of climate change is becoming more apparent, with record-breaking temperatures, fires and floods. As the people of God, we do well to remember that Christ cautioned us before his ascension about difficult times ahead. Yet he assured us of his constant presence, his forthcoming return, and that a house built on him would, in the midst of the storms, stand strong.

In this Annual Review, you will see how the Church across the Anglican Communion is worshipping God and loving its neighbours through service throughout difficult times and circumstances, including feeding the hungry, shepherding the vulnerable flock, caring for God’s creation and more. Our supporters also demonstrate their love for God and one another through their generosity and prayers. Thank you for all you do to make the work of the Anglican Communion Fund possible, and to support Anglican sisters and brothers across the globe.

In Christ,

+ Justin

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury and Chair of the Anglican Communion Fund
Sharing Christ’s love
The Anglican Communion Fund supports Anglican communities worldwide in their mission to live and share Christ’s love.

Our work in 2022

In 2022, the Anglican Communion Fund allocated over £450,000 to ministry initiatives across the Anglican Communion, reaching seventeen countries across sixteen provinces and three continents, including:

**Strategic Initiatives**

Building the capacity of the Church, strengthening its leadership, enhancing its ability to implement effective ministry, and supporting it to be a source of stability in its community.

**Representation**

Maximising the influence of the Archbishop of Canterbury on global policy and providing for Anglican voices to speak into and influence key global forums, such as the United Nations and European Institutions.

**Times of Crisis**

Bolstering the Church in times of great need and in the midst of unexpected circumstances.

**Grants to assist the Church with peace-building and conflict resolution in areas of conflict**

- Democratic Republic of Congo
- South Sudan

**Emergency relief for communities struck by climate-induced emergencies and politically-induced economic instability**

- Pakistan
- Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Uganda

**Missionary outreach in nations where Christians are a minority**

- Bangladesh
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
Our global impact
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Project highlights
Pakistan
Uplifting women through education

Pakistan consistently ranks in the bottom five of countries globally with respect to gender parity. Women regularly experience domestic violence, sexual abuse, forced marriages, acid attacks, and more. In the context of Pakistan's Muslim-majority society, Christian women and girls in Punjab face multiple layers of discrimination and suppression, stemming from their gender, faith, and socio-economic position. They constitute the most marginalised segment of society, with literacy rates significantly lower than the majority population and are vulnerable to forced conversions and false accusations under blasphemy laws.

With the help of grants from the ACF, the Church of Pakistan is working to uplift women and girls.

- **In Multan Diocese**, communities are being educated about women's and girls' rights and protection. Sessions cover Pakistan's laws, including domestic violence and harassment, empowering women to advocate for themselves and contest injustices. They are also promoting literacy among young women and supporting small business development.

- **The Diocese of Sialkot** is raising awareness of women's health, focusing on girls and young women. It addresses topics like menses, puberty, emotional, hormonal, and physical changes, often considered taboo in Pakistan due to cultural boundaries. The Bishop’s wife provides training, primarily in rural areas, starting with pastors' wives and women in leadership roles, who then pass on this vital information to girls, young women, and their mothers. While the main focus is on younger individuals, the program has also enlightened many older women who lacked this information.

*Previous page: Women’s ministry in Sialkot*
Project highlights
Myanmar
Providing food security in times of need

A rat plague hit two parishes in the Diocese of Hpa-An, Myanmar in 2022, destroying seed sown and causing a loss of the following year's harvest, posing a major threat to food security. A religious minority, Christians in Myanmar are more vulnerable to poverty, and due to the political and military conflict in the country, government structures can not be relied upon to offer a safety net to struggling families. A grant from the ACF helped the Church to purchase and distribute rice – both to Christian families and to the very poor of other faiths, feeding the hungry and serving as a witness to God's love in this area touched by conflict, natural disaster and other maladies.
Project highlights

Tanzania
Pamoja: building community together

In Kagera, Tanzania, over 70% of the population relies on subsistence farming, working about an acre of land for personal needs and selling surplus to cover essentials like kerosene and clothing. Extensive deforestation, partially due to an influx of refugees, has exacerbated climate change, disrupting rainfall patterns, resulting in floods and prolonged droughts. Unpredictable rainfall hinders crop planning and reduces grazing areas for livestock, damaging milk and butter production.

An ACF grant empowered the Diocese of Kagera to enhance small farmers’ resilience to climate change in five villages. This was achieved by improving farming practices, cultivating fruit trees and short-term crops, and constructing rainwater harvesting tanks.

- 100 farmers from each of the five villages received training to establish tree nurseries, focusing on avocado, coffee and pine trees. Each village selected a site near a water source for a nursery and appointed two local nursery managers. Tree farmers were educated on producing their own quality seedlings, reducing input costs.

- Over 600 farmers from three demonstration farms received vegetable gardening training, featuring eggplants, carrots and spinach.

- 20 local masons underwent a seven-day on-the-job training programme to build 5,000-litre household storage tanks, including surface and underground tanks.

This programme transformed the lives of many participants and demonstrated the practical application of biblical principles, emphasising the importance of caring for creation in everyday life. Additionally, it allowed the Church to reach new believers and establish not only fruit and vegetable gardens but also new churches.
Project highlights
Kenya
Planting a sustainable future

The Communion Forest was birthed at the Lambeth Conference in 2022 and symbolises the Anglican commitment to caring for God’s creation and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth. It is a call to the Church to support afforestation, preserve biodiversity, provide habitats and protect ecosystems.

With support from an ACF grant, the Anglican Church of Kenya implemented their own Communion Forest Project. From the western rainforest to the coastal forests north of Mombassa, Kenya’s forests support a wide range of biodiversity. These forests are rapidly declining due to the increased population which uses the forests for fuel, building material and grazing land in an unsustainable way. The steady dwindling of forest cover negatively impacts on the climate, wildlife streams, and the human population, especially forest dwellers. The Church addressed these issues through a multi-pronged approach:

- **Training Climate Champions and Church Leaders** on how to preserve God’s creation so that they can be ambassadors in their communities.

- **Teaching in schools and churches** across the country on the biblical mandate to care for creation and encouraging behaviour change.

- **Establishing tree nurseries** in three dioceses.
Project highlights

Brazil
Bread and Life in Brazil

The city of Araçatuba in the Diocese of São Paulo, Brazil, struggled with high unemployment – made worse during the Covid-19 pandemic – and homelessness. With a lack of government support, there was no place for many to turn for help. St Steven’s Church was in a strategic location to serve the city’s homeless and unemployed populations. The Church had an idle space, but envisioned converting it into a community kitchen and bakery with the dual purpose of providing job skills training in gastronomy, enabling people to re-enter the labour market, as well as providing nutritious food for the homeless.

With help from an ACF grant, the derelict parish hall was restored and transformed into a work space and kitchen to minister to the needs of the homeless and under-employed. Short courses are offered in various areas of gastronomy in order to build up work skills and strengthen employability. The first training was in baking of bread and cakes. Food is donated to the needy, and any surplus is sold to re-invest in the project.

The new space will also serve as a pastoral centre enabling further work with the local population, including referring people on to available public services and offering group therapy to the unemployed.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in.  
Matthew 25:35
Strategic partnerships
Strategic Partnerships

Through our Strategic Partnerships, the ACF works with senior leaders of a province over several years to support its strategic development and most critical needs. This might be building skills for clergy and lay workers – from theological training to financial management – investing in the development of systems and infrastructure, or supporting long-term financial stability through income generation programmes. Current partnerships include Sudan, Congo and IAMA (Mozambique and Angola).

Sudan: sustaining through crisis

The Anglican Communion Fund has been working in partnership with Episcopal Church of Sudan for a few years to help the Church become stronger and develop its ministry. Due to the outbreak of war in April 2023, our work with Sudan this year has been one of helping the Church to survive in the midst of great conflict.

Despite extreme setbacks, including the cathedral in Khartoum being overtaken by rebel forces and thousands being displaced from their homes or trapped within combat zones, by God’s grace, the Church continues to operate and minister to its communities, offering prayer and encouraging the flock. Together with other partners, the ACF is providing humanitarian support to preserve lives. We invite you to join with us in prayer for this Church, that the Lord would sustain them through these greatest of hardships.

Top: Audio Bibles received from a diocesan evangelist in the eastern mountains of Sudan. The books are in the Moro and Lumon languages

Previous page: Congregants gather outside the new cathedral in Ayod Diocese, South Sudan, built with support from an ACF grant. See also pages 6-7

A teaching centre in the southern part of Port Sudan diocese
Representation • Personal Emergencies Fund
Representation

The Anglican Church spans over 165 countries and serves in all types of environments. Given its breadth and depth, Anglican faith leaders have a deep understanding of the impact of global issues on ordinary everyday people. They shepherd and care for those facing poverty, climate emergencies, and conflict. ACF support for representation helps to ensure Anglican voices are heard in key global forums such as the United Nations and the European Institutions, advocating for and influencing global policy on issues such as the environment and climate change, refugees and migration, poverty and gender equality.

Personal Emergencies Fund

In many parts of the world it is difficult to access health care. Many countries have little or no government provision for health care, and private treatment, if available may be well beyond the means of most people. The Personal Emergencies Fund (PEF) helps to fund urgent or emergency medical treatment for serving clergy and their immediate families where there is no other source of support available, enabling them to return to ministry unencumbered by medical illness.

The PEF is managed by the ACF and donations to it are restricted for PEF purposes.
## ACF income and expenditure for 2022

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*Previous page: Maize harvest in Kagera, Tanzania
This photo: Women in Sialkot, Pakistan attend a session on menstrual hygiene*
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In 2022, the generosity of our supporters enabled the Anglican Communion Fund to continue a high level of support to our global Anglican Church family. Please help us to continue and to expand our reach and impact through giving. **Thank you.**

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This Annual Review is dedicated to the memory of **Archdeacon Carolino Augusto Da Silva**, who designed and named the ‘Bread and Life’ project in St Stevens Church, São Paulo, Brazil. He was tragically killed in a car accident on the way home from a service of the Holy Eucharist on 28 August 2022, but his dedicated ministry and love for his church are remembered.

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