

We hope our annual newsletter finds you well.

January is a great time for us all to reflect on the past and plans for the year ahead.

## Celebration

Miss G. Kantha and Anil Krupakar have said what a beautiful day they all had at the funds Christmas celebration held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The day started with breakfast and tea served to the beneficiaries followed by a service with prayers, singing and a Christmas message; Dornakal diocese Bishop Thandrigaru, Bishop Thalligaru and local pastors were in attendance.

Christmas gifts of a new blanket were given to all beneficiaries and each widow had a Saree with blouse piece, the widowers had a shirt and pant piece. A meal of fried rice, chicken curry and Dalcha (Indian lentil-based stew) with curds was then thoroughly enjoyed.

The beneficiaries 'send their heartfelt thanks to you all for your love, great concern and kind support.'

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## Thank You!

All donors for your financial support during 2023, the fund could not continue without you.

Liz Ross for creating and writing our website which can now be found at <http://dornakalfundfortheneedy.org>

Christina Hawkes for organising the fashion show and Kingswood Chapel for the use of their venue.

Sylvia Gardiner for growing Geraniums and King Edwards School Edgbaston for purchasing them.

Everyone who donated items including cakes and plants and attended our garden event.

Margaret Blake for assisting in the lead-up to and at both craft events. Everyone who donated hand-made items to be sold on our two craft stalls. To St Philips church, Dorridge and Dorridge Methodist church for allowing us to have stalls at no cost at their Christmas events.

David Blake for designing and producing a roller banner for the fund.

## Fundraising

Fashion show, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 raised £507.20

Sylvia Gardiner's plant sale raised £200

Garden event, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 raised £605.60

Craft stall, 19<sup>th</sup> November, and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 sales totalled £616.95

More regular donors are needed and fundraising will be ongoing, we have plans for a quiz night in 2024, the date and venue are yet to be confirmed.

Should you have ideas for future fundraising events or wish to support the fund in other ways that is very much appreciated, we are also always grateful for your prayers.

## Sadness

Mrs Kitty Gundy, a great supporter of Dornakal Fund for the Needy since shortly after its inception sadly died 08/01/2024.

Kitty gave her time and energy to the fund, communicated directly with Kantha, gave financial support and hosted a past Bishop and their daughter years ago.

We send our condolences to her daughter Alison, her family and friends. Kitty will be greatly missed.



## Best wishes for 2024!

The trustee's Carol, Janet and Gemma would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2024