



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

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The Grand Priory of England and Wales

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21st January, 2024

From: The Grand Prior.

Dear Members of the Grand Priory of England & Wales,

The Grand Prior's World Leprosy Day Appeal 2024

Sunday 28th January 2024 is World Leprosy Day. For members of our Order, committed to the care and treatment of those suffering from the dreadful disease of leprosy, this is a day of great significance when we can make a very real contribution towards the alleviation of leprosy. It is to that end The St Lazarus Charitable Trust has agreed with me that the Grand Prior's World Leprosy Day Project for 2024 (WLD24) will be to support The Leprosy Mission of England & Wales with a project in Batticaloa on the East Coast of Sri Lanka. Our aim is to try to raise £15,000 across the Grand Priory to fund the following:

- the building of improved toilet blocks and latrines to combat the spread of infection and disease;
- installing six wells to provide a safe, clean supply of water; and
- establishing contact tracing to find and cure leprosy amongst children. This will include skin camps to detect and diagnose leprosy and raise awareness in schools, the aim being to detect and treat leprosy in youngsters so that they don't face a lifetime living with the dreadful effects of this awful disease.

This appeal will be active from Sunday 28th January and until Low Sunday (7th April) 2024. As WLD24 runs throughout the holy season of Lent, I would like to encourage individual members of the Grand Priory please to consider making this appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving. Donations can be made directly via your Commandery ring-fenced account held at The St Lazarus Charitable Trust. The bank details are:

Bank: **Lloyds**

Sort code: **30-93-74**

Account name: **The St Lazarus Charitable Trust**

Account number: **07204586**

Reference: **WLD24** followed by a two-letter code identifying your Commandery – Aragon AR; Avalon AV; Cumbria CU; John of Gaunt JG; King Offa KO; London & Westminster LW; Mersey ME; Rose d'Or RO; Sussex SX; The Marches TM; Wales WA. For example, if you are from the Commandery of Wales you would use the reference **WLD24WA**.

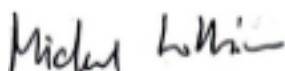
For those who require BIC or IBAN codes for online transfers these are:

BIC: **LOYDGB21022**

IBAN: **GB72 LOYD 3093 7407 2045 86**

Thank you in anticipation of your help and support with this appeal.

Atavis et Armis!



Lord Lothian

Grand Prior