

A group of Christians from Llanrhian, Llanhowel, and St. David's joined forces to Help '**Work A Miracle**' with Tearfund, by holding fund raising activities during Lent.

UK Christian relief and development agency Tearfund have a huge vision. Through the **Work a miracle** campaign, Tearfund are mobilising the global church to stop the spread of HIV, by 2015, in more than 40 of the poorest communities where they work.

Sarah Owen, Tearfund's Representative for Llanrhian Church, held a coffee morning with a bring and buy sale in her home raising £270 for the appeal. Sarah joined Tearfund after reading about Tearfund's Killer TB campaign in a local newspaper.

'I had previously asked by Rev. John Bennet to promote Tearfund in Llanrhian Church. On my retirement from Social Work I was ready for a new challenge. When I read about Tearfund's work with Killer TB in a local newspaper, I wanted to get involved. As a Church representative for Tearfund, I hope not only to share in my local Church, but to raise awareness in the 5 other churches in the St. David's Benefice." Say Tearfund's Sarah.

Jonathan Lean, Cannon of St. David's Cathedral, also helped to **Work A Miracle**, by organising a Cawl and Crumble meal for 50 people, raising over £350 ,as part of the Lent fund raising activities.

'Sarah Owen drew our attention to Tearfund's **Work A Miracle** Appeal at our Church Benefice meeting, and I thought this would be a good project to support.' Said Cannon Jonathon Lean. ' I appreciate the support of everyone who attended to make the event such a success.' continues Jonathon.

Tearfund's **Work a Miracle** Appeal needs to raise £60 million for HIV and AIDS-related work by 2015 – as part of its wider vision to lift millions out of poverty. Beginning in 2006 the **Work a miracle** appeal aims to raise £2 million in the first year.

A key component of the plan to stop the spread of AIDS by 2015 is to work through Tearfund's local church partners to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. **£7** could give a child in Africa an HIV-free start in life each month, by testing mothers and providing counselling and crucial information about HIV.

Jill Moore, who attended Sarah's coffee morning, said about poverty: 'All we can do is keep plugging at the human race, sometimes we feel quite despondent, but we must all remain positive'

Tearfund's Media Officer for Pembrokeshire, Sharron Hardwick responds to Jill Moore by saying: 'I would like to say thank everyone involved for your Lent fund raising activities. By raising £620 these local Christians have potentially given the chance of a HIV free start in life to **88** children, this is 'Working a Miracle' And thanks to you, we're on target! We must not give up hope. Together We Can Make a Difference.'

For more information about Tearfund go to www.tearfund.org

