



## **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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#### **From: The Bailiff**

Dear Members of the Grand Priory of England & Wales,

#### **The Grand Priory's World Leprosy Day Appeal 2025**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 is World Leprosy Day. For members of our Order, committed to the care and treatment of those suffering from the debilitating 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 (SLCT) has agreed that the Grand Priory's World Leprosy Day Project for 2025 (WLD25) will be to support The Leprosy Mission of England & Wales (LMEW) with a project in Odisha in eastern India. LMEW have located a leper colony in Odisha with the most appalling conditions they have ever encountered. There is a very real need for water and sanitation facilities, medical supplies, protective footwear and a training and education programme to aid in the detection of the disease. Our aim is to attempt to raise £15,000 across the Grand Priory to fund the following:

- Wound healing kits
- Protective sandals
- Submersible pump for a borewell
- Concrete cap to protect the borewell from contamination
- Leprosy training.

Any monies raised above the £15,000 target will be donated to The LMEW to assist with other aspects of their much-needed work in Odisha.

The Grand Priory National Executive Council and the SLCT have agreed to launch this appeal in memory of Lord Lothian, our late Grand Prior. During his thirteen-year term of office Lord Lothian was an eager supporter of the hospitaller work of the Grand Priory. With his encouragement and enthusiasm, the hospitaller profile of the Grand Priory greatly expanded.

Each year the Grand Priory's World Leprosy Day results in very real and positive improvements in the quality of life of those we support, 'our lords the sick'. Your generosity, under the banner of St Lazarus, has greatly aided the treatment of those suffering from the horrors of leprosy. In many cases, often as a result of relatively small donations, chronic wounds have been healed, amputations avoided, and folk enabled to return to work, allowing them to support their families.

The *Lord Lothian Memorial Appeal for WLD25* will be open from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January until Low Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> April) 2025. As WLD25 runs throughout the holy season of Lent, I would earnestly encourage individual members of the Grand Priory please to consider making this appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving. There will be no more fitting memorial to Lord Lothian than to ensure the success of this appeal. 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: **WLD25** 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 **WLD25WA**.

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

BIC: **LOYDGB21022** IBAN: **GB72 LOYD 3093 7407 2045 86**

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your donation.

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

Atavis et Armis!



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