

Farewell from Theresa and welcome to Megan!

As you know, **Theresa Codd** retired at the end of April. She says: *'Thank you for all the kind messages on my retirement and for all the camaraderie over the last six years. I wish Megan well in her new role and ask that God will bless you all.'*

We welcome **Megan Knowles** as the Community Engagement Coordinator for the 'northern' dioceses. Megan says: *'It's a delight to be joining the Red Box team. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming months. Thank you so much for the warm welcome. A little about me: I've most recently worked with the Jesuit Refugee Service UK, supporting community dialogue projects, and have previously worked with the Salesians of Don Bosco in Southern Africa and with CAFOD. I've been incredibly fortunate to experience the global nature of Church and the amazing impact we can have together when we share in God's love for us. I'm looking forward to sharing some of these experiences with you, and hearing yours. I live in Liverpool with my husband, Chris, and our two cats, Blizzard and Jasper.'*

Local Secretary Training 2026

We host online training sessions for Local Secretaries throughout the year. It is particularly relevant for those of you new to the role, whilst open to all. Join us to meet other Local Secretaries, discuss mission, share your thoughts and pick up new ideas. Each session lasts no more than 90 minutes. Please choose whichever **one** date suits you best. To register, please email redbox@missio.org.uk

Tuesdays are at 10:30am and Wednesdays are at 6:30pm

16 or 17 June; 22 or 23 September; 3 or 4 November.

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Local Secretaries Southern Newsletter

Summer 2026

Dear Friends,

This year marks **90 years of the Red Box** and the partnership between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. More than a simple collection box, it is a powerful symbol of faith, hope and love – bringing together the vision of Blessed Pauline Jaricot and the missionary ingenuity of Fr Thomas Jackson MHM. You can read more about the history of the Red Box, and how it continues to help build the Kingdom of God throughout the world, in the **Mission Today: Impact Report**.

National Volunteers' Week is 1-7 June.

In this special year of celebration, we mark this week by holding all our volunteers – Local Secretaries, Promoters and Mission Together volunteers – in prayer. You are building community and enabling mission! Thank you for all that you do as a volunteer.

We also welcome **Megan Knowles** who has joined the team following Theresa Codd's retirement. See inside for an introduction.

Dave & Megan, Community Engagement Coordinators



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Nottingham, Shrewsbury and Wrexham (+ dioceses in the Northern Province).

Mission Today: Impact Report

This Impact Report edition of *Mission Today* is packed full of inspiring examples of how your efforts ignite God's love around the world. Fr Anthony Chantry, our National Director, highlights how *through the Red Box, you have built churches, presbyteries, convents, schools, children's homes, health centres and dispensaries; as well as trained local priests, sisters and catechists, and contributed to thousands of other projects that have helped the Church grow in service to those in need.*

Please use this edition to spread the word about the Red Box and the work of mission, and encourage your parish communities to offer their support through prayer and donations.



Ninety Years of the Red Box

To celebrate 90 years of the Red Box, we have enclosed some special Red Box prayer cards. There are enough for your Red Box holders, and a few extra to share more widely. We hope that the Red Box family in England & Wales can join together in prayer during 2026. If you would like any more prayer cards or copies of *Mission Today* please contact Dave or Megan by email: redbox@missio.org.uk or call the office on **020 7821 9755**.

Coffee and a Chat

Join your Community Engagement Coordinators for an online coffee and a catch up on the first Friday of each month at 10:30am. Bring your own coffee! To receive the Zoom link, please email redbox@missio.org.uk or visit the Local Secretaries' page on the Missio website: missio.org.uk/LS or our Local Secretaries' Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/RedBoxLS



Mission Masses and Events 2026

Everyone is welcome at all of our Mission Masses and Events, wherever they take place. Please do advertise them!

For up-to-date information, please visit missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events

Archdiocese of Southwark: Saturday 6 June at 11am

St Simon Stock Church, Bleakwood Rd, Walderslade, Kent ME5 0NF
Mass with Fr Joseph Donkor (Diocesan Director) & the Mill Hill Missionaries, followed by lunch and sharing of Missio's work.

Diocese of Shrewsbury: Saturday 6 June at 12:15pm

Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1UE
Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, Fr Anthony Chantry MHM (Missio National Director) & Fr Tony Grace (Diocesan Director), followed by refreshments.

Diocese of Brentwood: Saturday 20 June at 11am

Our Lady of Light Church, Church Road, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 6AG
Mass with Fr Patrick Daly (Diocesan Director) & the Mill Hill Missionaries, followed by lunch and sharing of Missio's work.

Diocese of East Anglia: Saturday 12 September at 11am

St Edmund's Church, Westgate St, Bury Saint Edmunds IP33 1QG
Mass with Fr Gerry Hastie MHM General Councillor for Europe, followed by lunch and sharing of Missio's work.

100 Years of World Mission Sunday celebration:

Saturday 3 October, Mass at 11am

St Elizabeth of Portugal Church, The Vineyard, Richmond-on-Thames, London TW10 6AQ

Please join Fr Anthony Chantry MHM (Missio National Director) for this special celebration to mark 100 years of World Mission Sunday.
All are welcome!