

## **Polokong Children's Village**

**Update April 2021**

Since our last contribution (£2700) to the Children's Village, Polokong, in January both Towcester and Hunsbury parishes have been most generous in their continuing donations. We have just sent a further £1716 to Polokong, this despite the fact that church collections have, of course, been impossible during the lockdown. A number of parishioners have started, or increased, standing orders, which is the most efficient way of contributing.

The Polokong Deputy Director has just sent this message of gratitude to all those kind people who are supporting their cause:

*"I am truly thankful for the funds that you are going to submit. It will help Polokong so much, as we are still facing financial difficulties. We are reaching out, but all of our donors are also facing financial difficulties in these times."*

South Africa, of course, is suffering seriously from Covid 19. The Polokong Operations Manager has had her hands quite full these past few weeks getting all the children ready for school. Thereupon, unfortunately, having returned to school, a number of the children caught Covid 19, causing further disruption. Happily, all of them are now well again and they can resume school from mid April.

Our last contribution was spent on school clothing and accessories and eating utensils for all their houses. This current donation from us will go towards linen, mattresses, and upholstery, for which they are currently obtaining quotes.