



# Whose we are and Whom we serve

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Every three years, the National Guild develop a strategy with three different but connected themes. From 2018 - 2021 the strategy is 'One Journey, Many Roads.' The first theme was 'Seeking the Way', for the second year the theme was 'Companions on the Road,' and the 2020/2021 theme is 'The Extra Mile.' As well as setting a strategy, the Guild identifies six charity partners throughout the three years, charities that work both in the UK and overseas. The current six charities are:

**Malawi Fruits** - 'Growing the Future' - Providing Solar powered water pumps to young farmers so that they can produce cash crops rather than living a 'hand to mouth existence'. We saw how this is working during this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Service that had been produced by the Malawi Fruits team.

**The Boys' Brigade Scotland**, which has a three pronged project a) supporting and training young leaders to share and explore the Christian faith with young people, b) growing community partnerships and engagement and c) growing the young people in the BB, developing new courses in Creative Media and Leadership as well as providing companies with mini-grants allowing companies to expand their work with the young people in the BB.

**Journeying Together** - 'Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia' by teaching them skills and assisting girls to complete education so that they can earn.

**Crossreach** - 'Join up the dots'- helping to tackle loneliness and social isolation in Scotland.

**'Seema's Project' with the Free to Live Trust** rescuing trafficked red light workers and their children in Pune in India and providing the children with safe accommodation, food and education.

**The Sailors' Society** - 'Chaplain for our Ports.' - seeking to place a chaplain in all the ports around the country.

During the year, the Guild holds fund raising activities to support these National Guild charities as well as some local, national and international good causes, e.g., each year the members of the Guild and friends pack 50 odd back packs to be sent to children supported by the charity Mary's Meals. To date, the Guild has been fortunate enough to attract speakers to the meetings, some from the Guild projects. There has also been time for fun evenings, starting with a fish supper as well as the annual Christmas lunch.

Shortly the committee will begin planning the syllabus for the 2020/2021 session commencing in the autumn and following the theme 'The Extra Mile'

