

A GIG FOR GHANA

On a sunny Sunday afternoon Lesley Salter and the St Mary & St Giles Band, Stony Stratford came to St James and generously gave a concert of popular, well loved tunes for all ages. Yes, there was Thunderbirds Go! and Teddy Bears Picnic but they were interspersed with classics by Handel and Elgar.



Last September I spent some days in Agbozume, met and heard the St Paul's Church youth brass band play, and was enormously impressed by their dedication to their music. They number 48 youngsters aged from 8 to 29 with a waiting list of 15 who would love to join if there were the instruments. (There is a severe shortage.)



This concert raised a magnificent £552 which will be on its way to the Diocese of Ho shortly and, when we can find someone to take them out for us, so will a beautiful tenor horn and cornet that have been very kindly donated.

Fr Prosper and the band have asked me to pass on their enormous thanks for all this generosity. We look forward to hearing an expanded band play with renewed enthusiasm!



Mary Nokes