

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

3 or 4 February; 28 or 29 April; 16 or 17 June

22 or 23 September; 3 or 4 November

Coffee and a Chat

Join your Regional Community Fundraisers, Dave & Theresa, for an online coffee and a catch up on the first Friday of each month at 10:30am. Bring your own coffee!



Please email redbox@missio.org.uk to receive the Zoom link, which is also on the Local Secretaries' page on the Missio website: missio.org.uk/LS and on our Local Secretaries' Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/RedBoxLS

Mission Masses and Events – early warning for 2026!

Archdiocese of Birmingham: Sunday 22 February 2026 at 3pm

St Mary's College, Oscott, Chester Road, B73 5AA. Mass with Fr Michael Glover (Diocesan Director) followed by refreshments & sharing of Missio work. Everyone is welcome to attend Vespers in the College Chapel after our time together.

Diocese of Shrewsbury: Saturday 6 June 2026 at 12:15pm

Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1UE

Missionaries Together

Local Secretaries Southern* Newsletter

Winter 2025



Dear Friends,

A big thank you for all your efforts around World Mission Sunday in October. It was great to see the fruits of your hard work and how you all continue to be *Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*.

In this edition of your newsletter, which accompanies the *Mission Today* Calendar, you will find information about the important **End of Year process**. We also have news of a special **Advent online Rosary**: please join us in prayer with other Catholic charities.

As we come to the end of the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, we can reflect on our commitment and efforts being a sign of hope to those around us. At a recent Mission Mass in Bristol, Bishop Bosco MacDonald spoke of the Red Box: *'Through Missio, through the Mill Hill Missionaries in particular, through the simple Red Box in over 90,000 homes across our country, that is a reminder that our faith is not a private thing, it's always for the life of the world... I want to give thanks for every quiet supporter and volunteer. May this Jubilee Year renew our missionary spirit.'*



We hope that you all have a joyful Season of Advent and we look forward to seeing you at one of our Mission Masses or online sessions during 2026.

Dave & Theresa, Regional Community Fundraisers

Your Regional Community Fundraisers: *Southern Dioceses

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

Mission Today Calendar

The *Mission Today* Calendar is a thank you to all Red Box holders and supporters for their prayers and donations throughout the year. Inside the 2026 Calendar you can read how your support has enabled catechists, like Mr Keo, to work alongside fellow missionaries to bring hope and dignity to children in Cambodia. The Peace Centre in Phnom Penh welcomes 64 children with disabilities who receive life-changing care and support every day. Please share the calendar with your Red Box holders, and the wider parish, so it can be a constant reminder that their continued support brings hope to those who need it most.



End of Year Process 2025

Later this month you will receive your 'End of Year Forms' in the post. Whether you've been able to collect some money this year or not, the forms help ensure our records are up-to-date. It also ensures that Missio can claim any Gift Aid it is entitled to, and that we correctly attribute the donations to your parish. **Please return them, and bank any money for 2025, by Christmas.**

We are holding one-hour **online sessions** to help everyone with the process of completing the forms. Everyone is welcome to attend one of the sessions, especially if you have started the Local Secretary role this year.

End of Year Online Briefings

Tuesday 25 Nov at 10:30am or Wednesday 26 Nov at 6:30pm

To register, please email: redbox@missio.org.uk

A video of the presentation will be available afterwards at
missio.org.uk/LS

November: Month of Remembrance

Please let us know if any members of your parish Red Box community have gone to their heavenly reward. Email redbox@missio.org.uk with their name and parish. They will be prayed for at Mass in the Missio chapel and by the Mill Hill Missionaries. Names of all supporters who have died are added to our online Book of Remembrance at missio.org.uk/pray/book-of-remembrance. They are also entered into the physical Books of Remembrance, which sit next to the tabernacle in the Missio chapel.

Advent Online Rosary

Join us on **Tuesday 2 December at 7pm** as we pray the Rosary together with ACN, CAFOD and Stella Maris. This is a great opportunity for the Catholic community of England and Wales to join together in prayer during Advent. Our National Director, Fr Tony, will be leading a decade. Look out for the link to join on social media, or email redbox@missio.org.uk for more information.

Mission Together Advent Resources

We invite you to share our Advent resources for children through your parish newsletter, social media, website and with your children's liturgy coordinators.

Visit missiontogether.org.uk to find our Advent carol with 'sing-a-long' videos, digital Advent calendar and reflections for each week.



Christmas: Office Opening Hours

The Missio office will be closed from 4pm on Tuesday 23 December and will re-open at 9am on Monday 5 January 2026.

**All the Red Box team wish you and your loved ones
a very happy and peaceful Christmas.**