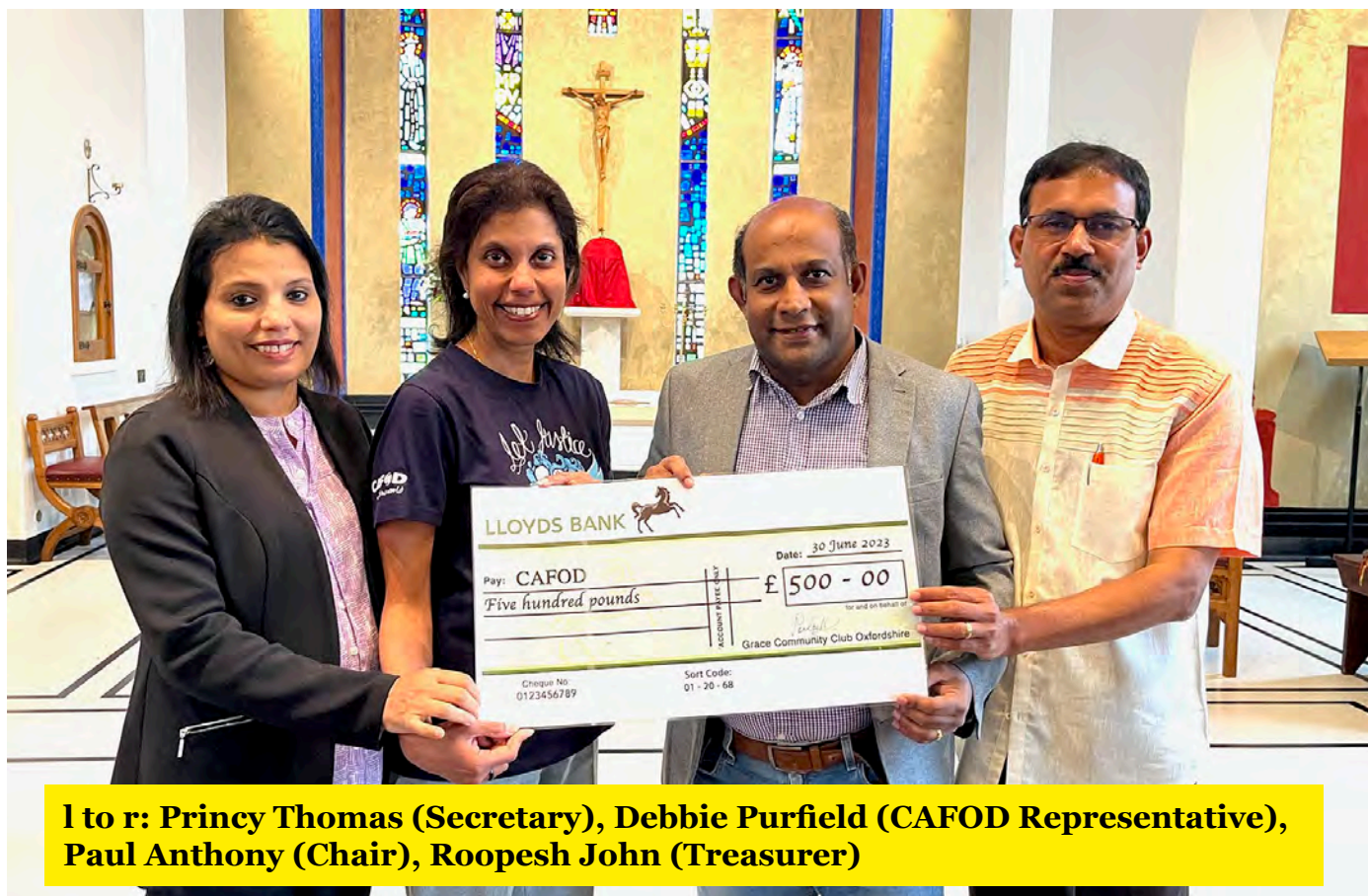


Grace Community makes significant donation to CAFOD



I to r: Princy Thomas (Secretary), Debbie Purfield (CAFOD Representative), Paul Anthony (Chair), Roopesh John (Treasurer)

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, received a surprise donation on Friday 30 June from the GRACE Community, Oxfordshire. The club was formed by like-minded people who moved to Oxfordshire from Kerala, in South India. They are strongly committed to the principle that **sharing is caring**. Members of the group, who number about 30, contribute every month a fixed amount so that they can make significant contributions to noble causes assisting people in need. This generous group works across the Oxford University Hospital Trust in a variety of roles and they recognise the incredible difference that CAFOD makes to help and support people around the world. In the parish of Corpus Christi in Headington, where the presentation took place, there is a strong CAFOD volunteer group which provides great support through prayer, education and fundraising. The Grace Community, many of whom worship at Corpus Christi, wanted to play their part in providing additional support and made the decision to make the contribution of £500 to CAFOD. Secretary Princy Thomas said, “We are extremely delighted to walk an extra mile with CAFOD.” Debbie Purfield, pictured receiving the cheque, is CAFOD Participation Coordinator for the Northampton and Southern part of Birmingham Dioceses. She was delighted to hear about the work and philosophy of the Grace Community. She said, “It is through the love and support of organisations like yours that the mission of CAFOD, to support people in need around the world, can be even more effective. Thank you so much to everyone involved - this is a magnificent and generous donation to receive.”

Debbi added, “CAFOD, through the Caritas family, is part of one of the largest aid networks in the world. Because of its global reach and local presence, it really does have the potential to reach everyone. CAFOD’s local experts help some of the most difficult-to-reach people in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Whether it’s a single mother living in a remote area, a teenage boy living in a war zone, or a disabled father and daughter who are discriminated against, CAFOD is there to help anyone regardless of faith, gender and ethnicity.”

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