



STELLA MARIS

Annual Review 2023



➤ **Standing with seafarers and fishers.
No matter what.**



➤ “Your presence in ports throughout the world, your daily visits to ships docked in these ports and the fraternal welcome you give to the crews whilst in port are a visible sign of the Church’s concern for those who are far from home and who cannot receive ordinary pastoral care through a parish.”

Mark O'Toole, Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia

> View from the bridge

In my first year leading this remarkable charity, I can't tell you how impressed I am...

Impressed by our chaplains and their ministry. Impressed by our backroom staff who run a tight ship. Above all, impressed by you – our amazing volunteers and supporters – who serve or support seafarers and fishers with such kindness and dedication.

Together, we make a huge difference to the lives of the people of the sea. My personal highlights of 2023 include the Round-Britain Sailing Pilgrimage, led by volunteer Russ Fairman. What an incredible achievement! Read more on page 22. We've continued to support our colleagues in Ukraine, and to develop Stella Maris teams in Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia and the Philippines.

And I'm proud that we're leading the way to tackle modern slavery, particularly in the fishing sector. Exploitation has no place in the maritime industry. In 2023, we not only stood by mistreated seafarers and fishers, we started working with key stakeholders to try to stamp slavery out for good. Your support helps give a voice to marginalised people; thank you.

On top of these highlights, the everyday work of Stella Maris touched the lives of thousands of seafarers...



The friend when one was needed.

Day in, day out, we checked in with seafarers and responded to their needs.



Support in a crisis. We supported seafarers, fishers and their families through the worst times, thanks to our global network.



Advocating for change. We gave a voice to seafarers and fishers, especially highlighting the dangers of modern slavery.



Faith on board. We supported seafarers spiritually, providing faith resources, prayer and Mass.

Looking back, there's so much to be thankful for. I'm excited about what lies ahead, too. With you on board, I've no doubt Stella Maris will continue to thrive, grow and faithfully serve the people of the sea. Thank you so much.



Tim Hill
Stella Maris UK CEO

Disembarking:

a look back
at 2023

We're the world's largest ship-visiting
1.9 million seafarers and 38 million fishers.

Stella Maris is
based in **353**
ports in **57**
countries

22 chaplains
and **80**
ship-visiting
volunteers
in the UK

5,758 ship
visits in
the UK

126,676
seafarers
and fishers
helped in
the UK



"The crew were so
happy that you visited.
We really appreciate
Stella Maris!"

**Crew member
of Lady Carina**

"Thank you for everything
you do for my crew.
Many thanks for the
friendship."

Ship's captain

"I don't know where
I'd be now without
Stella Maris."

Fisher

network, serving many of the world's Here's a snapshot of our work in 2023...

1,895 ships in UK ports provided with gifts

1,368 ships provided with phone / internet cards for seafarers in UK ports

336 ships in UK ports provided with free WiFi for seafarers to contact home

39 grants disbursed through our Centenary Emergency Fund



“Thank you for helping me to make contact with my family. I am so happy! May God bless you all.”
Seafarer

“Stella Maris and its supporters saved my life and I won't ever forget you.”
Fisher

“I want to say a huge thank you to Stella Maris for helping me at a difficult moment when this help is so needed.”
Seafarer

> The friend when one was needed



Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness mean the most.
They were the friends in port



Recreation and exercise for crew

Like all of us, seafarers need rest, recreation, exercise and fun. The crew of the Happy Albatross in Tees port were thrilled when their Stella Maris volunteer ship visitor sourced a portable swimming pool for them to enjoy on board. In Tilbury port, the crew of permanently-berthed cement barge the Vesper were just as delighted with two bicycles, given to them by our local port chaplains Deacon John Fogarty and Wojciech Holub.



Part of a faith community

Seafarers from a ship docked in Ipswich Port were delighted when our chaplain Julian Wong drove them to church. They received a warm welcome from parishioners and the parish priest. One of them helped take up the offertory. This was the first Mass the men had attended for six months. They returned to their vessel knowing that, wherever their work took them, they were in the prayers of those they had met.



Supporting abandoned crew

An Indian crew was abandoned in Troon, Scotland and had not been receiving their wages for several months. Our chaplain visited them, supplied free mobile phone SIM cards, and provided food, clothing and transport into town. The uncertainty of having no income put them under huge mental strain. So we offered them pastoral support and reassurance. Following our intervention, the crew was paid and returned home.



In 2023, our UK chaplains and volunteers visited ships, day in, day out, for thousands of seafarers and fishers...



Friendship and support in Falmouth

The crew of the cargo ship Mazarine were in Falmouth Harbour for many months while their vessel underwent repairs, having lost power and run aground near the Isles of Scilly. While in Falmouth, the crew members received great support, company, friendship, and delicious Cornish treats, from our local port chaplain John Pinhay and volunteer ship visitor Simon Bromage for the duration of their stay. Our team also prayed with the bosun for his family.



Lifesaving support

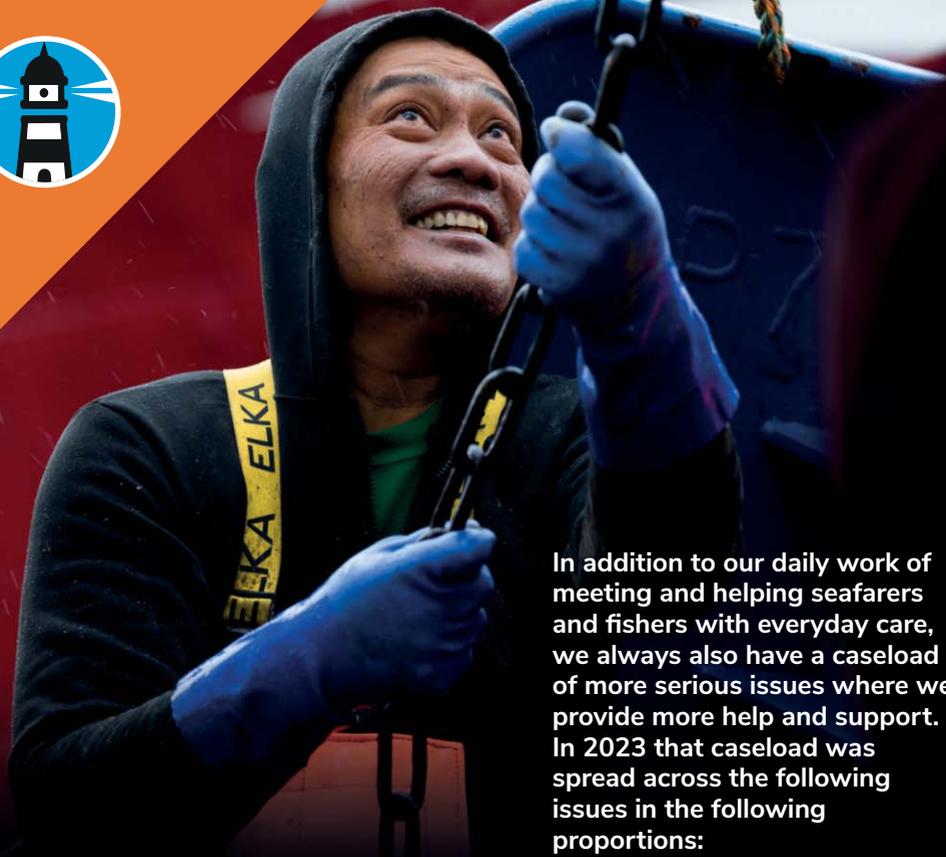
In Portavogie, Northern Ireland, a Filipino fisherman received assistance from our chaplain Joe O'Donnell and volunteers. They took him to hospital, visited and supported him when he was diagnosed with cancer. He says, "I wouldn't have got the best cancer treatment and care if not for Stella Maris. I am so thankful to Chaplain Joe for being my friend when I needed one. Stella Maris and its supporters saved my life and I won't ever forget you."



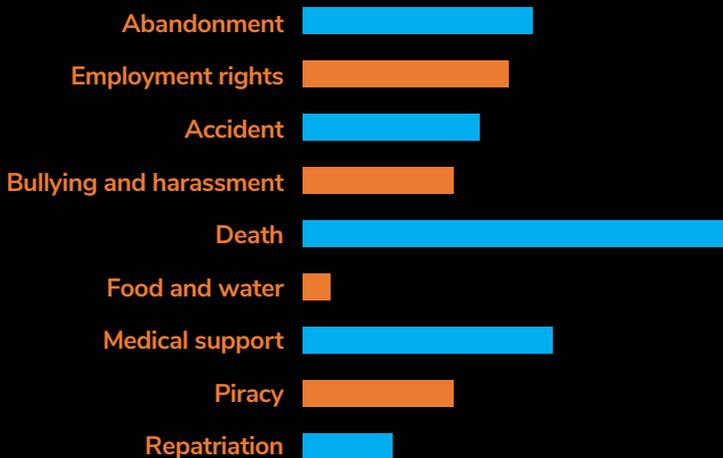
Facilitating shore leave for crew

With shore leave still difficult at times, our chaplains are always ready to support crews' requests to come ashore. We arranged local trips for the crew of the Bow Clipper, berthed at Fawley port. We enabled sightseeing, birthday celebrations, and a first time ashore in England. This much-needed break for the seafarers was made possible by our local port chaplains Charles Stuart and Gregory Hogan and by your support.

Support in a crisis



In addition to our daily work of meeting and helping seafarers and fishers with everyday care, we always also have a caseload of more serious issues where we provide more help and support. In 2023 that caseload was spread across the following issues in the following proportions:



When things get tough, the support of Stella Maris really matters.

Tim Hill, Stella Maris
UK CEO

Refuge in a storm



When crisis strikes, our team are on hand – whether it’s an abandoned crew, on-board accident or unpaid wages. But by far the biggest area of support needed is when there has been a death at sea...

“Death was the main crisis issue we dealt with in 2023, accounting for almost a third of all such requests,” said Jonathan Heard who analyses Stella Maris’ crisis support cases.

“Our primary focus is on supporting the crew following a death. We track the vessel for six months, checking in at each port, because there can be a lingering impact. ‘Helping over time and distance’ is our mantra. We do everything we can to support bereaved seafarers or fishers – and their families back home.”

While shipping companies’ Human Resources teams can help with practicalities and counselling, seafarers facing death or bereavement often also need spiritual support.

If the death has happened on board, many seafarers ask for their ship to be blessed.

They may wish to pray and have Mass said for the lost crew member. Others may feel guilt and need pastoral care. Due to the relentless nature of the shipping industry, there’s often little time to stop and grieve.

Jonathan added, “It’s estimated that around half of the world’s 1.9 million seafarers are Catholic – and only Stella Maris, as the Catholic maritime charity, can provide them with the spiritual help they need following a death or bereavement.



“Some of our chaplains have sat with seafarers in hospital and held their hand as they died, then linked up with our chaplains in other countries to comfort grieving family members there. The global reach of our network is vital in this sort of crisis.”

In 2023, we dealt with 54 crisis incidents. After deaths, the next biggest category was ensuring medical support or visiting hospitalised seafarers. Dealing with abandonment and employment rights (e.g. shore leave, unpaid wages, hours of work and rest) was also a large part of our work.

➤ Support in a crisis



Standing by fishers trapped in slavery

When Isaac* struggled to find work near his home in Ghana, he paid £1,000 to an agent and set off for a UK fishing job, happy in the knowledge that he would soon be providing for his family.

But the trip would become a nightmare which Isaac is still living...

The moment Isaac stepped on board the trawler, he sensed trouble. He was put to work immediately, with no training or safety equipment. He worked until midnight – and was woken at 4am to go again. With each gruelling day that passed, things got worse.

“There was no drinking water on board and never enough food,” Isaac said. “They shouted racist abuse at us, and we worked so many hours there was no time to cook or even wash.”

Isaac was shamed and broken by the cruel treatment. *“I felt stripped of my dignity. I couldn’t bear it.”*

Thanks to support from people like you, we were able to help Isaac and four other men to be rescued. Our chaplain alerted the police and other agencies, and the captain was detained. We found the men a place to stay, fed them, provided clean clothes, and helped them navigate endless meetings and legal paperwork.

Now Isaac is still waiting for his case to be dealt with. He has been recognised as a victim of modern slavery but needs a decision about whether he can stay in England. He hasn’t seen his family since he left Ghana and is not allowed to work.

“ I don’t know where I’d be now without Stella Maris.”

Isaac*



*name and picture changed to protect his identity

Our port chaplain Steven Willows regularly meets Isaac and the other fishermen to support them. He takes them out for day trips – and is the friend they need, in a time of crisis. *“I know our friendship helps Isaac stay positive,” said Steve. “Recently, he told me, ‘I don’t know where I’d be now without Stella Maris.’”*

Advocating for change



Tackling modern slavery

Modern slavery is a scourge on the fishing industry. In 2023, we stepped up our campaigning work to crack down on exploitation and give fishers a voice.

A chaplain's mobile phone beeps and a new message flashes up... "We're trapped on a fishing vessel. The captain has our passports. Please help!"

It's another desperate crew turning to the one person they know will treat them with kindness – the Stella Maris chaplain.

Our UK chaplains deal with up to four cases of modern slavery every year, helping practically and journeying with survivors through the arduous legal process.

But in 2023, we increased our campaigning work too. We are leveraging our unique position to highlight modern slavery, give fishers a voice, and bring agencies together to work for change.

"Our aim is for a maritime industry free from inequality, injustice, exploitation and abuse," says Stella Maris UK CEO Tim Hill. "So we've started bringing stakeholders together around a table – port authorities, P&I clubs, insurance brokers, shipping owners, enforcement agencies, police, unions and charities – to make it happen."

We ran six workshops around the UK in 2023 (in Belfast, Bristol, Glasgow, Hull, Liverpool and Portsmouth) which focused on things like spotting signs of modern slavery and how to prevent exploitation. "The workshops are insightful and essential for those wishing to better understand the risks and issues caused by modern slavery" explained participant James Riddick, Group Head of Supply Chain at Peel Ports.

We also helped produce a series of films for fishers coming to work in the UK, so they know their rights (pictured above right).



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Tim Hill, Stella Maris UK CEO

“Very few modern slavery cases make it to trial,” Tim explains, “which is why we work so hard to support fishers through the legal process. If we don’t follow these cases through, modern slavery is perpetuated. Somebody must be held accountable.”

Tim added, “Our day-in, day-out ship-visiting work means we’re a credible, trusted voice to speak up for seafarers and fishers. Industry, governments and authorities listen to us and we’re not afraid to stand up for people.”

In the coming year, we aim to grow our networks and partnerships to help tackle modern slavery. We have set up a steering group of key stakeholders to help address the issue. We also want to develop a global response action plan, including a flow chart of help and support which agencies can follow.



Stella Maris' support around the world

 Areas of operation

Stella Maris is the world's largest ship visiting network, based in 353 ports in 57 countries. Our extensive team of more than 1,000 chaplains and volunteers meant we could support seafarers, wherever they were in 2023. Here are some examples:



South Africa
Rescuing a crew
A fishing crew in Cape Town had been physically abused, denied medical care, forced to wear torn protective clothing, not been given sufficient food or water, and not been paid their wages. Our chaplain Fr Rico intervened, ensuring they received medicines, food and wages. We advocated for the crew, and they were repatriated at the vessel owner's cost.



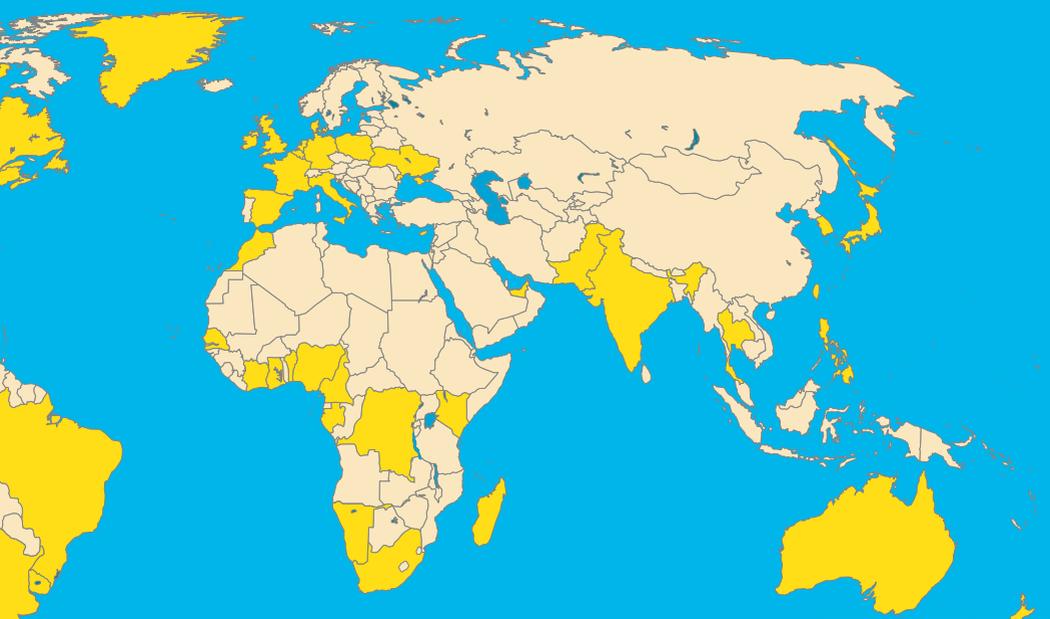
Ukraine
Ministry during war
Our Ukraine team of Fr Alex and Rostik resumed visits to seafarers on vessels in Odesa, after a year when ship visiting had been forbidden due to the war. Despite hardship and fear, we worked to support seafarers and their families. We provided food parcels, access to professional psychological help, and assistance for those fleeing the country.



Kenya
Helping fishers reach safety
Our port chaplain Fr Fred was on hand to help after becoming trapped alongside fishers during severe flooding. The floods damaged homes and made fishing impossible, impacting livelihoods and food supplies. We helped fishing families reach areas of safety. We supported the community with emergency aid, food and supplies.



Mauritius
A place of refuge
After Cyclone Freddy, a passer-by in Port-Louis found three seafarers without shelter and contacted us. We moved them to safety at our Seafarers' Centre. In a separate incident, police brought seven Sri Lankan fishers whose vessel had been arrested in Mauritian waters to our Centre. Our local team provided vital care and support for them all.



India **Petitioning** **for release**

An Indian seafarer was among the crew of an oil tanker forced to spend 10 months on their ship after it was detained in West Africa. The crew were traumatised. Our team in Tuticorin, where the seafarer was from, petitioned to get him freed. Since the crew's successful release, we continue to support the seafarer and his family.



South Korea **Support for** **grieving crew**

The GSL Alexandra requested a ship visit following the death of a crew member while anchored at Busan Port. Our chaplain Fr Raphael went on board to support the 15 Filipino seafarers. He gave them renewal of Baptism and offered prayers for them, for their dead colleague, and for protection and safe voyage.



Philippines **Spiritual and** **practical help**

Our Cebu chaplain Fr John was on hand following the death from lung cancer of a Filipino seafarer, just five months after he had left his vessel due to health concerns. Fr John celebrated Mass at the wake and offered comfort to the family. He also informed the seafarer's widow about social and financial benefits she could claim.



Australia **Comforting** **bereaved captain**

A tanker's captain was distraught after hearing that his mother had died. Our Sydney chaplain Sr Mary went onboard to comfort him. She brought holy water, Rosary beads and gifts. Through a mobile phone connection, they watched the wake taking place. Her presence brought solace to him and lifted him out of his despair.

> Faith on board



36 Masses on board ships in UK ports arranged by us



2,360 Stella Maris faith magazines provided by us to seafarers in UK ports



1,877 faith materials, including Bibles, Rosaries and prayer books, provided by us to seafarers in UK ports



13 chaplains installed on cruise ships by us over Easter and Christmas to minister to up to **16,714** crew and **45,392** passengers



Christmas at sea

When Fr David Burke was invited on a Christmas Caribbean cruise to serve as an on-board Stella Maris chaplain, how could he say no? But it was the people, not the places, that truly moved him...

Q: What was your role?

A: Stella Maris has been sending Catholic priests to do ministry on ships at Christmas and Easter for around 40 years. You're there for the passengers and crew, to say Mass and offer pastoral support. I was fortunate to spend 16 days on Ariva, P&O's newest cruise ship (with 6,000 guests and 3,000 crew!), over Christmas 2023.

Q: What's involved for a priest like you?

A: I was saying Mass and ministering to people. It's like having a floating parish for two weeks, where everyone has a different story. Some people are on the holiday of a lifetime. Some are workers missing their children's first Christmas.

Q: Christmas can be hard for seafarers. How did you support them?

A: There were 3,000 crew doing every job imaginable... croupiers, cleaners, laundry workers, engineers and everything else. Many were from the Philippines or India, and they were all away from loved ones. There's a lot of emotion. I prayed with people, provided faith resources, helped send letters home – and a key thing was saying Mass.



Q: Tell us about saying Mass on board a cruise ship.

A: You say a Mass for passengers, which draws about 30 people. Then, after 11.30pm when most crew clock off, I'd say Mass for the staff. About 300-400 people turned up. I couldn't help but be moved by their faith.

Q: What was Christmas Day like?

A: Amazing. For midnight Mass, the crew set up a chapel with a crib, and we had Indian musicians and a Filipino choir. Passengers and crew all joined together – about 450 people. It was one of the most moving, Holy Spirit-inspired things I've ever been part of. Out at sea, the global body of Christ gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was so special.



Fr David Burke is a Stella Maris Trustee, former Stella Maris port chaplain and serving British Army chaplain.

> A day in the life of a Stella Maris chaplain

No day is the same for a Stella Maris chaplain. We catch up with Regional Port Chaplain Julian Wong to capture a snapshot of his ministry.



10pm, the day before: I look through all the maritime websites to see what ships are coming into the ports I cover, from Ipswich to Felixstowe. Then I check that against our records. A log has been kept of all the ships I've visited over the years.



6am: I'm an early-riser, and get up to pray on my own before work. I pray for safe travel, for God to direct me to where I'm needed, and for the words to say and hear. I pray I'll see Christ in every face I meet.



8am: Pick up Holy Communion from a church (in my capacity as a Eucharistic Minister), on my way to port, as one crew have asked for this.



9am: Arrive at Felixstowe port and go straight to visit the ship I know is leaving first. I say the Rosary with a crew member and hand out phone cards so the crew can call their loved ones back home.



10am: On the second vessel, seafarers remember me. We catch up in the Mess room. I always ask people about life on board, their wellbeing, and their family. Those are the things that really matter. I give Holy Communion to the crew before leaving.



Julian Wong is Regional Port Chaplain for East Anglia and Haven Ports. He's been working with Stella Maris, as a volunteer and then a chaplain, for more than eight years.



1pm: After I've visited every ship I can in Felixstowe, I head to Ipswich port for more ship visits. I never get tired of this work because it's God's work. When seafarers are happy to see me, I know I am doing something good.



4pm: By now I've visited seven ships, and have given out many small gifts such as chocolate and woolly hats. Seafarers love this. It lets them know someone is thinking of them. I leave port and go to my desk to log today's ship visits etc.



5pm: The Felixstowe Harbour Master phones me to say there's been an accident on board an incoming ship, and a seafarer is badly injured.



6.30pm: I'm back at Felixstowe to meet the vessel. As soon as it's safe to climb the gangway, I board with the port ambulance crew. I go with the seafarer to Ipswich Hospital where he has x-rays. Sadly, he'll probably lose the tip of his finger.



9.30pm: Back to port with the injured seafarer. When he's safely on board, I head home.



10.30pm: Bed! God's work is always challenging and unexpected. The satisfaction of fulfilling a good day is a fitting reward.

▶ Celebrating supporters



Thank you to our stalwart knitters. In 2023, you knitted numerous hats which we gave out to seafarers and fishers to help keep them warm against the icy winds.

And thank you to our volunteer ship visitors. In 2023, you befriended and supported many lonely, stressed fishers and seafarers, helping them greatly.



Thank you for everything!

Nothing at Stella Maris could happen without the committed and faithful help of people like you.



We're grateful for the support of everyone in the Stella Maris community, whether you pray, volunteer, donate or fundraise.

In this Annual Review, we want to highlight the important role of Parish Contacts who act as a vital link between churches and Stella Maris – and who made a huge difference to Sea Sunday in July 2023. Together, we raised £400,000 to support seafarers and fishers through Sea Sunday.



Brian Plunkett, Parish Contact at St Mary's, Woburn Sands in Northamptonshire, said, "My parish is as far as you can physically be from the sea in the UK, but seafarers are always in our thoughts. My role is about making parishioners aware of Stella Maris, and the need to support seafarers. I'm delighted to have been involved for the past few years."



Jeanette Findlay, Parish Contact in St Paul's, Shettleston in Glasgow, said, "I got involved after hearing a Sea Sunday appeal. Now, I go to parishes that need a speaker and I tell them about the great work of Stella Maris. I really enjoy it. I always get a warm reception, and people are really interested in what Stella Maris does."



Could you be a Parish Contact please? We're asking for volunteers to be the Stella Maris link in parishes around the UK before Sea Sunday in July 2024. Find out more by calling us on **020 7901 1931.**

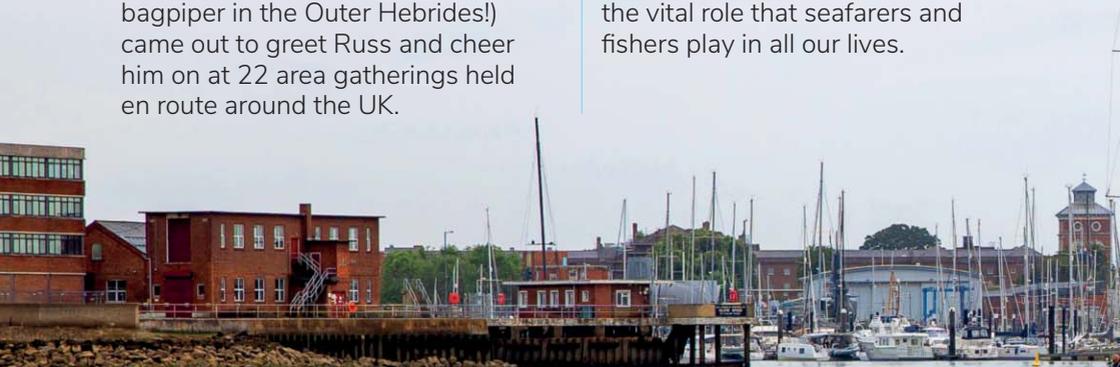
➤ Sailing pilgrimage marks 100 years

A Stella Maris supporter and Southampton sailor undertook a 2.5 month-long sailing pilgrimage around the UK in 2023. This was to celebrate 100 years of Stella Maris and to raise awareness and funds to support our work with seafarers and fishers.

Russ Fairman took on the 2,433-nautical mile journey with a rotating crew of volunteers, leaving Southampton on 29th April. The 34ft yacht, Mintaka, stopped at 65 ports and holy sites along the way before finishing in Portsmouth on 9th July. Local communities (including a bagpiper in the Outer Hebrides!) came out to greet Russ and cheer him on at 22 area gatherings held en route around the UK.

Russ, who is a ship-visiting volunteer with Stella Maris as well as a qualified Yachtmaster, gave up work for nine months to plan the pilgrimage. He interviewed hundreds of potential crew members, liaised with dozens of harbour masters, and conducted several live radio interviews under sail. He trained crew members, cooked all the meals on board, and even nursed seasick crew through choppy waters!

The trip was a huge success, generating substantial media coverage and funds, raising the profile of Stella Maris and highlighting the vital role that seafarers and fishers play in all our lives.



Adrian Gannon, Director of Development at Stella Maris, said, "Russ's contribution has been extraordinary, and we are so grateful to him. This pilgrimage has deepened our relationships with coastal parishes around the UK and raised awareness of the needs of the people of the sea. This was a remarkable way to celebrate Stella Maris' centenary".

As a result of this marathon endeavour, Russ was awarded a Papal Blessing by Pope Francis for service to seafarers and fishers. It was presented to him by Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, during our Christmas carol service in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral.

Pilgrimage in numbers...



70 days of sailing



60 crew members



2,433 nautical miles



65 ports and holy sites visited



22 local area gatherings en route



£20,000 raised



59 pieces of media coverage



70,000 views on social media



> Funding this vital work

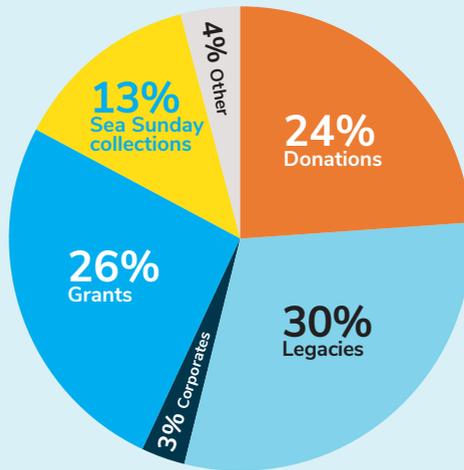
We're so grateful for the faithful generosity of Stella Maris supporters.

We receive grants from trusts, donations from companies in the maritime industry, collections by church congregations, and legacies and donations from individuals like you – thank you! These all support our chaplains to provide important everyday care for seafarers and fishers in ports in the UK and around the world.

Our income*

Donations, grants, legacy gifts and other income received in 2023 amounted to £2,960,714. If you made a gift during the year, thank you for your generosity and support.

We remember with deep gratitude all those who kindly left a donation in their will to Stella Maris. Leaving a legacy gift is a special way to support seafarers and fishers into the future. Members of the Stella Maris community who passed away in 2023, including those who left a gift in their will, were remembered in a special memorial Mass, held in St Mungo's Catholic Church, Glasgow, in November.



*Unaudited figures

With thanks to our corporate supporters:

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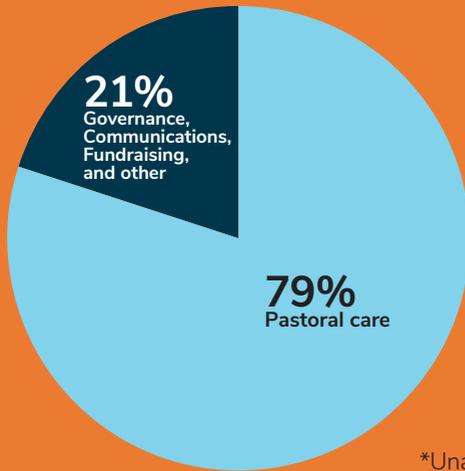
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- The Seafarers' Charity
- The Trinity House Maritime Charity
- TK Foundation

Our expenditure*

We used our resources wisely and carefully to have the greatest impact on the wellbeing of seafarers and fishers.

As well as supporting 22 chaplains covering 91 ports around the UK, we provided significant support to our international colleagues and coordinated some of Stella Maris' international and global emergency response work.

Our total expenditure in 2023 was £2,245,040.



*Unaudited figures



“The life of sailors or fishermen and their families is very difficult. Sometimes they are victims of forced labour or are left behind in distant ports. But without the people of the sea, many parts of the world would starve. Let us pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.”

Pope Francis

“I was delighted to nominate Stella Maris as the Charity of the 2023 UK Chamber of Shipping Gala Dinner. The tens of thousands of ship visits their chaplains and volunteers carry out in ports around the world every year makes a real difference, providing fantastic support for the wellbeing and welfare of seafarers.”

Graham Westgarth,
President of UK Chamber of Shipping (2022-24)

“It’s heartening to see all we’ve achieved together, as a Stella Maris family, in 2023. Thank you for everything you do as supporters of our work. I’m proud of this life-changing ministry.

“Looking ahead, the Stella Maris community is our focus for 2024.

“Globally, we will continue to stand with our Ukrainian colleagues, helping practically and financially in the face of the war there. We will also strengthen our overseas teams in places like Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, South Africa and the Philippines.

“Closer to home, our new chaplain recently started in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and we will soon have a chaplain covering Liverpool and the North West of England. This will complete Stella Maris’ UK-wide coverage of regional port chaplains!

“Another aim for 2024 is to expand our group of incredible volunteers in the UK by recruiting more Parish Contacts, with a particular focus on attracting younger supporters.

“I firmly believe we’re stronger together. With that in mind, we want to build new partnerships outside our network to help tackle modern slavery. Exploitation has no place in the maritime industry – but it’s an issue we can’t solve alone.

“At sea, your crew are more than work colleagues; they are family. At Stella Maris, we’re family. A family which exists for the good of seafarers and fishers. Thank you for being part of it.”



Captain Dr Esteban Pacha
Chair of Trustees, Stella Maris UK

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