

**TRAINING LEADERS**

# Michael Wilkie in Argentina

*Support Michael Wilkie as he trains clergy and lay leaders*

**In their own words**

*‘Before we were only reaching a limited community; now we are reaching more and more people. We are becoming a church with its own individual Argentine identity.’*

Michael Wilkie  
USPG Mission Companion



**Argentina** factfile

**Capital:** Buenos Aires  
**Languages:** Spanish (official), Italian, English, German, French  
**Religion:** Nominally Roman Catholic 92% (less than 20% practicing), Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, other 4%  
**Export:** Soybeans and derivatives, petroleum and gas, vehicles, corn, wheat  
**Further reading:**  
[www.geographia.com/argentina](http://www.geographia.com/argentina)

**USPG in Argentina**

From 1912 until 1948, USPG supported the ex-patriot community in Argentina. USPG now has links with the Anglican Church in Argentina through several projects supporting the growth of local church leadership.

## About this Project...

▶ **Target: £24,493 / €28,166 | Project 347**

The Church in Argentina is in a process of transformation, working to integrate Spanish and English speaking congregations. This has enabled the church to grow and reach more people. Now priests and lay leaders need to be trained, equipped, prepared and supported in their roles.

The Revd Michael Wilkie is a teacher and a priest who has been working in the Diocese of Argentina for the past three years. His appointment was a direct response to a request by the Anglican Church in Argentina to write and set up training courses for lay and ordained people.

Supported by USPG, Michael is the Associate Priest at St Saviour’s, Belgrano. He is designing a theology and practice course and is leading a team of trainers so that they too can set up courses locally.

Whereas many people in Britain and Ireland seem to take Anglicanism for granted, or see it as wishy washy, many Argentinians see it as something amazing and unique, perhaps even revolutionary. This is because Anglicanism provides something not offered by denominations in Argentina: freedom for self-expression, thought and prayer, alongside structure and theological depth.

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