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As part of our coverage of this year's Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), our cover features a selection of Christian Aid Week posters through the decades, highlighting the special place this major fundraising event has had in the heart of Christian Aid, since the first Christian Aid Week in May 1957.

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You give us the means to make an impact



In the five years I have been at Christian Aid, spring has always been the most exciting time of the year, as we count down the days to our annual fundraising drive in May. Christian Aid Week (10-16 May) is the time when tens of thousands of our supporters take to the streets to raise the money that enables us to pursue our mission of combating extreme poverty in poorer parts of the world.

It is, we like to proclaim, the biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland. Last year, thanks to the active support of an incredible 20,000 churches across Britain and Ireland, we raised some £11m. This year, through door-to-door collections and community fundraisers, such as sponsored walks, sponsored abseils, barbecues, cake sales and myriad other events, we hope to do even better.

Such widespread engagement with the general public is only possible in the first place because of the energy and commitment of so many of you, and your generosity of spirit, for which we are truly grateful.

We look forward, too, to festooning Westminster with bunting in June, when we hope many of you will take up our climate change call to Speak Up For The Love Of people living in poverty.

Actually, Christian Aid supporters have long been speaking up for the love of people living in poverty, and this year marks our 70th anniversary. It is, of course, a matter of concern that while the world has grown so vastly richer since our inception, the need for the assistance we and other agencies offer is as great as ever.

In a sermon broadcast on BBC Radio 4 last month, in a service to mark the Christian response to the suffering of the second world war, our Chair, Dr Rowan Williams, said of the churches who set us up: 'They resolved to set a new standard, to give the suffering, the hungry, the forgotten and displaced, the honour and significance they deserved.'

That is the challenge that still drives us. Your support provides us with the means to make an impact.

Loretta Minghella,
Chief Executive



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Ebola – the crisis is not yet over

Tomilola Ajayi, who was working for Christian Aid in Sierra Leone when the Ebola outbreak began, reports on the challenges that survivors and communities face in rebuilding their lives.

Mabinti Mansaray lives in Freetown, Sierra Leone’s capital. She beat Ebola but lost her mother and two daughters to the disease. Now, like many other Ebola survivors, she faces stigma and discrimination from her community.

Before the crisis hit, Mabinti (pictured above) was a street trader, selling food and other items. She is now unemployed. Widespread quarantines and movement restrictions have jeopardised many people’s livelihoods in Sierra Leone.

As well as having no income, Mabinti has hardly any belongings: everything in her quarantined home – clothes, furniture, documents – was burnt as part of infection control measures.

‘After my neighbours found out I had Ebola they abandoned me,’ she says. ‘They don’t come near me anymore.’

Fellow survivor Geraldine Lamin, 17, also lost everything she owned. Her mother, father, sister and uncle all died within a short space of time. ‘The whole month was full of tears,’ she says.

'Before, life was good – I had loving parents and I was going to school; there was peace and joy at home. Now my brother, sister and I live alone and have to support ourselves. People are still scared of us... the stigma is still there.'

These stories are echoed across Sierra Leone, where more than 3,300 people have been killed and over 8,500 infected since the outbreak began in May last year. Mabinti and Geraldine are among hundreds of vulnerable people who have received food and household items – including mattresses, utensils and hygiene items – from Christian Aid.

Funded by our Ebola Crisis Appeal, which has so far raised just under £1m, these kits are helping survivors and quarantined families in badly affected communities. Our partners have also provided care for 100 orphans and trained 500 faith leaders to give trauma counselling and challenge the stigmatisation of survivors.

As the infection rate slows, we are also addressing the wider impacts of the outbreak.

Jeanne Kamara, Sierra Leone country manager, says: 'The health crisis has caused enormous socio-economic challenges. That's why Christian Aid is helping Ebola survivors rebuild their livelihoods, focusing particularly on women and young people.'

'We have to ensure that HIV work and maternal and child healthcare are all prioritised, alongside issues arising from the long-term closure of schools, such as the rise in teen pregnancy. Meanwhile, foreign companies operating in Sierra Leone must begin to pay their fair share of tax, so that our government can invest much-needed funds to improve our broken health system.'

'The crisis is not yet over. We can't be complacent: we will continue to encourage communities to follow Ebola prevention measures, so that the virus can be eradicated once and for all.'

christianaid.org.uk/ebola

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Abbas and Raghia Alyaz fled Mosul with their children and now rent a rundown apartment.

Aid continues for displaced in Iraq

Following your generous response to our Iraq Crisis Appeal, which raised more than £1.3m, Christian Aid's long-term partners in Iraq continue to respond to high levels of ongoing displacement of communities, providing vital humanitarian relief.

Since the start of 2014, there has been widespread conflict and displacement in Iraq, sparked by the advances of Islamic State militants. Close to 2.5 million people have been forced from their homes due to fighting, insecurity and attacks on civilians. While there has been deliberate targeting of minorities, including Christians and Yazidis, it is clear that acute need exists among people from all religious backgrounds.

Thousands of people are living in terrible conditions in informal refugee camps, in disused buildings and even on the roadside across northern Iraq. Most want nothing more than to return home, but are fearful for their future.

Families fleeing the conflict who arrived in the Kurdish region of Iraq were supported by our partner REACH. They were given food and essential non-food items, including hygiene materials, to help them manage over the winter months. REACH is scaling up its efforts to respond to the growing crisis that is sweeping across the country.

Another partner has distributed cash assistance to displaced families in Iraq. This enables displaced people to maintain a level of dignity, both from having some money and from having some choice in how it is spent.

To donate to our Iraq Crisis Appeal, go to christianaid.org.uk/iraq

When a picture really can be worth a thousand words...



Tabitha Ross highlights a photo-blogging project that gives traumatised young people a chance to rebuild their confidence – just one of the many ways funds raised by Christian Aid’s Syria Appeal is helping victims of the four-year conflict.

Fourteen-year-old Stephanie is clever, responsible and talented. Emotion is near the surface though; it doesn’t take much for tears to spring to her eyes.

Stephanie has lived through a lot. She spent a year sleeping in a cave, dug by her family on their farm in Syria, in order to shelter from the bombs. She nearly lost her mother and baby sister due to the war. And she has been forced to flee her country and live as a refugee in neighbouring Lebanon, where

she has missed out on nine months of school.

All of these experiences are things that she is being encouraged to express through the medium of photography, in a project run by Lebanese organisation Mouvement Social and supported by Christian Aid.

The project, based in Beirut, gives cameras, photography training, mentoring and psycho-social support to a group of young Syrian refugees and local Lebanese young people. It’s aim is to enable children who

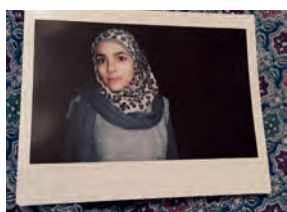
have been through traumatic experiences to be able to talk about them, to build confidence in themselves and trust in others.

A series of workshops teaches photographic skills, while also encouraging the children to explore areas of their life in the pictures they take. A session on portraiture, for example, is accompanied by the homework ‘take pictures of people you love’. In the next session, this is followed up by an exercise in which the children make collages of the people they



More than 3.8 million people have become refugees as a result of the civil war in Syria. Since the start of the conflict four years ago, more than 200,000 people have been killed and 7.6 million displaced within Syria. Our partners are running psycho-social support with hundreds of children, providing essentials such as food to families, and giving specialist support to refugees with disabilities. So far, more than £2m has been donated to our Syria Appeal. See christianaid.org.uk/syria

The #withSyria coalition, of which Christian Aid is a member, has launched a global petition calling on world leaders to do more to end the suffering of the Syrian people. You can sign the petition at withsyria.com



Stephanie (left) says this picture of baby sister Peace is her favourite. Stephanie's mum nearly died giving birth to her while they were still in Syria. Opposite: Lamiss took this image of her sister. 'I felt it captures her looking at something.'

photographed, with themselves in the centre. Through this they are encouraged to think about the networks surrounding them, which are there supporting them.

Interestingly, friends and teachers at the Mouvement Social centre figured as prominently as family, a testament to how meaningful

and important this support base is to the young people.

The project, which is part of Christian Aid's broader work with Syrian refugees in Lebanon, also enables these young people to communicate their experiences to the world: their online photo diaries give a unique insight into what it's like to be a young

Syrian refugee. The young people themselves chose the website name 'Beirut Friends: Our Life in Photos', and are loving taking and talking about the pictures, and seeing them appear online.

You can see how the world looks through their eyes by looking at the online blog. See bit.ly/beirut-diaries

Tax justice – from postcards to law

Back in late 2013, more than 20,000 of you took our action card. We called on the UK Government to introduce new laws that would make it clearer who owns different companies and give tax dodgers nowhere to hide.

We were delighted when the Government announced that it had heard our calls and would be introducing new laws. During recent months, this legislation has been

making its way through Parliament and by the end of March was expected to become law. It's a great result for all your campaigning.

To keep up this momentum we have teamed up with other agencies, including ActionAid and Oxfam, to call on all political parties to support a Tax Dodging Bill. We are calling on all parties to pledge to introduce a Tax Dodging Bill to make tax fair and

to raise funds both in the UK and in developing countries to fight poverty.

We believe that if we put enough pressure on politicians we can push them to support the bill and, crucially, to introduce it to Parliament within the first 100 days of the new government.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit christianaid.org.uk/tax



Christmas Appeal: a resounding success

When you last met Christine Parakuo, in our 2014 Christmas Appeal, she was nine months pregnant and nervously awaiting the birth of her baby. Having miscarried late in her last pregnancy, she was scared something might go wrong again. **Lilly Peel** reports.

We're delighted to be able to tell you that Christine safely delivered a healthy, happy baby boy! She named him Samson Kishoyian (Kishoyian means 'shepherd' in

Maasai) and he's thriving.

Our maternal and child health projects are ensuring that women like Christine and their children get the best healthcare available. During her pregnancy,

Christine regularly visited the mobile health clinic, held in her village by our partner the Transmara Rural Development Programme (TRDP), to ensure there were no complications.

And now she takes baby Samson to the mobile clinic to be vaccinated and weighed.

She says: 'I am happy that the services are there. They are of a high level and we only have to walk a short distance. Samson is healthy.'

Since we visited Sitoka village, TRDP has set up a mother support group where Christine and other women learn important health and hygiene messages. They are also learning how to grow their own vegetables and can take out small loans.

Christine's mother-in-law, Noorkipali Nooloboru, Sitoka's traditional birth attendant, has been retrained to become a 'mother adviser'. In the past, she told women to deliver at home, but now she works with the mobile clinic nurses and community health workers to ensure mothers and pregnant women get the healthcare they need. Since the project started, not a single baby has died in the communities where TRDP is working.

Thanks to you, our 2014 Christmas Appeal was a resounding success. We raised a staggering £3.6m. As the UK Government matched all eligible donations pound for pound, this means nearly £3m in additional funds for maternal and child health projects in Kenya, Malawi and beyond. That means thousands more women like Christine will get better healthcare for themselves, their children and their communities. Thank you!

Throughout 2015, we will be bringing you updates on our projects and about Christine and the other women whose stories we featured in our appeal.

To find out more, visit christianaid.org.uk/kenya-updates

Lest we forget



Christian Aid's new head of Middle East, **Frances Guy**, reminds us that only a peaceful political solution will end the suffering of millions displaced – or trapped – by war and conflict.

It is hard to ignore the turmoil of the Middle East these days, but in the discussion of the threat of the so-called Islamic State there is a danger that we forget the real victims – the millions of displaced Syrians and Iraqis who have had to leave their homes and are sheltering as best they can, wherever they can, either in their own country or in neighbouring countries.

And then there are those who can't escape – some in besieged areas of Syria, some in areas now controlled by Islamic State, living in fear every day. Syrians drowning in the Mediterranean remind us of their plight, but we tend to forget displaced Iraqis now that the immediate emergency of last summer has passed. And when was the last time you heard about the Gaza Strip and the millions trapped there – in the world's biggest outdoor prison?

Let's remember that according to the UN, nearly 100,000 homes were severely damaged or destroyed in the conflict in Gaza last year. That means more than half a million people without shelter. Not one of those homes has been rebuilt. The very small amount of reconstruction material allowed in to Gazahas been used for repairs – not for rebuilding. But the world shrugs its shoulders and

watches as Israeli general elections highlight right wing voices who would prefer even less help to go to Gaza.

Christian Aid has worked for many years with partners throughout the Middle East to highlight injustice and poverty, including in Iraq, Syria and Gaza. We work with communities trying to build peaceful societies in the face of conflict. In response to the new crises, we are working to bring humanitarian assistance to those in the most need – those who have been left behind.

International assistance can help provide food and shelter, but this is sticking plaster aid, dealing with immediate needs and not preventing future trauma. The best help we could all bring would be to keep agitating for those who have influence – political leaders everywhere – to keep working for peace. Only peaceful solutions that bring justice will end the suffering.



Gaza still waits to be rebuilt.

Speak up... for the love of our world

What are you doing on Wednesday 17 June? Come to London and join with thousands of others to declare our love for the world to MPs at Westminster.

Rebecca Baron outlines how you can be a part of this new phase of our climate change campaign.

Our world, for all its problems, is a thing of beauty. A gift from God. This is a world to celebrate. This is a world we love.

We're all interconnected, bound to each other in a million ways. From the food we eat, to the clothes we wear, to our dreams and aspirations.

The choices we make in our lives are interwoven. What we do in our own homes, churches and communities has an impact on the lives of others – whether close to home or on the other side of the globe.

Right now, many people are suffering because of choices we have made – as individuals, as governments, as societies. Extreme weather caused by climate change is becoming more common. Droughts cause crops to fail, floods ruin livelihoods, storms destroy homes. The poor are the worst affected.

Together, we've been trying to redress the balance. Hundreds of thousands of us make small steps every day, whether that's through recycling, walking to work instead of driving or choosing a greener energy supplier. We can and do make a difference. But we also need to remember to involve those with the power to make big changes – our political and church leaders.

Last year, the people of the UK demonstrated their commitment to ending climate change like never before.

In June, you took up the One Million Ways challenge, making small but important changes to the way you live your life.

In September, tens of thousands of you joined others across the world to march for climate justice. In October, hundreds of you gathered in churches for a weekend of prayer and action, calling on your political representatives to step up their efforts.

This year, we have an unmissable opportunity in front of us. We have a changing of the guard – a new government with a new manifesto and a new agenda. We can put climate change at the top of that agenda. Together with more than 100 other agencies (including CAFOD and Tearfund), Christian Aid is calling on UK citizens to show the new government that we're serious about protecting the world we love – with the people, environment and everything in it.

We're inviting everyone to **come and meet their MP in Westminster on 17 June** to tell them about what they love and what they want to protect from climate change. This 'Speak Up For The Love Of' day will be a celebration of our world, with music, bunting (see opposite), exciting speakers and more. Gather your friends and neighbours and speak up for the love of people living in poverty.

To sign up and for further information, go to christianaid.org.uk/speakup





Hang out the bunting to show what you love

Show what you love by displaying it on some bunting. At the Speak Up For The Love Of lobby we want to see a huge bunting display featuring everything that we love that is threatened by climate change.

Bunting is easy to make. Let's use it to tell our MPs what we love and why they must act. Get your friends, family and community to show the things that you love on bunting!

- Get some old material, clothes or Fairtrade cotton.

- Cut out some triangles of roughly equal size – an isosceles triangle with a base of 20cm and long sides of 25cm works well.

- Decorate your triangles with what you love that you want to protect from climate change.

- Join with others in your family, school, church or community to create a string of bunting. Get a long piece of ribbon and sew the flags onto it, leaving gaps between them of about 10cm.

Why not try...

- knitting or crocheting your bunting
- having a bunting party
- making your bunting out of something that represents your area (like a sports strip or tartan)
- getting your church together after a service to decorate flags.

Bring your bunting to Speak Up For The Love Of on 17 June in Westminster, and show the world what you love!

'We are called to care'

So why should we campaign over climate change? A clergy member, a supporter and a partner offer their thoughts.



Beth Powney,
Minister at Sandy
Baptist Church,
Bedfordshire

I began to research climate change for an all-age service and became quite excited about the topic. While I don't know all of the science behind climate change, I do see the changes to our seasons around me and in the world.

The complete connectedness of God's Earth really began to strike me and I thought about how he had created the Earth and humans in relation to each other. There is nothing I do that happens in isolation from the rest of

the world. I may not be suffering as a result of the climate changing in the UK, but my sisters and brothers on the other side of the world are suffering. The desert grows and the sea levels rise as a result of our collective actions.

The service had a significant impact on me and I believe it reached both young and old. Everyone took action to contact their MP, engaged in the stories of those whose lives are affected and recalled that God is a God of the whole Earth and everyone in it. We are called to care and we do that on God's behalf.



Tim Leeson,
Christian Aid
supporter,
Chelmsford

When I lead religious assemblies in schools, it is usually only a matter of time before the problem of suffering comes up. Young people are, on the whole, able to understand how human evil can fit within the Christian story of a loving God, but what about suffering at the hands of nature? Why do tsunamis and droughts occur?

There are no simple answers to this question, but the frightening truth is

that the boundary between human evil and natural disasters is not as clear as we perhaps once thought. There is an increasingly clear correlation between the actions of humanity and climate change that is leading to erratic and dangerous weather patterns.

As Christians, we have a vocation to help the poor. Sadly, it is the poorest parts of the world that feel the brunt of climate change. We therefore have a duty to appeal to our governments to curb climate change. If our voices are not heard, we must raise them.



Rev Suzanne Matala, Christian Aid partner from Council of Churches Zambia

All our lives depend on the natural environment, whether we live in an industrialised nation or deep rural Africa.

Any negative changes to the natural way of creation mean great trouble for the whole of creation, engendering poverty and misery for many. People around the world are wondering why the rain does not come when it should and why their rivers are drying up, depriving them of livelihoods.

As people of faith, we have to take a leading role in defending the sanctity

of God's creation. Our response should therefore be to:

- pray for all people affected by climate change
- uphold justice and the dignity of all God's creation
- advocate strongly against all structural systems that create poverty
- look at the world through the lenses of the scriptures and act against greed, neglect and wanton destruction of the environment
- stand in solidarity with the deprived and marginalised just as Jesus did during his ministry on Earth.

For Ethiopia, climate change is here and now



Luke Harman, a Christian Aid church campaigns officer, offers some climate change reflections from Ethiopia – the country at the heart of this year’s Christian Aid Week story.

It’s so beautiful I burst out laughing. Yes, laughing. I’ve never felt so in awe of nature, so transfixed by God’s creation.

It seems hard to imagine that hunger and poverty can exist somewhere that is so green and lush as the landscape in Ethiopia. Yet this is a country renowned for the famine of the 1980s, which led to Live Aid. I’m here just after the rainy season. In a few months the landscape will be dramatically altered.

Food shortages, droughts and floods occur regularly in Ethiopia, and when they hit hard, millions of people already living on the brink can be left depending on humanitarian aid for their survival. We are currently seeing more heavy rainfall with longer dry spells in between, which could increase the risk of both flood and drought in the same season.

Natural resources, especially water, land and vegetation, are under severe pressure and conflict over these precious resources is growing.

Climate change is often billed as a problem for future generations. For Ethiopians it is here and now. Even the slightest temperature rises can mean life or death for vulnerable communities. The Ethiopian Government and our partners are working hard to adapt, but the effects of climate change exacerbate existing poverty and inequality; those already vulnerable are likely to suffer more. In Ethiopia, that often means women, as our Christian Aid Week stories show.

Failure to act will mean the climate gets even hotter and the rains even more erratic – increasing pressure on land and crops, making it harder to keep

livestock and even survive.

Christian Aid Chair Dr Rowan Williams writes: ‘We need to regain a sense that our relationship to the Earth is about communion not consumption, that we are not performers on a world as a stage, but that we are fully part of it and it’s our duty to steward and share its bounty with everyone.’

Everything we do – big or small – counts. The more we can demonstrate this, the more pressure we can put on our leaders in business and government to amplify our efforts and implement the policies we need to help people lift themselves out of poverty.

You can start on 17 June at Speak Up For The Love Of, a day of action to tell the new government to make climate change a priority.
christianaid.org.uk/speakup

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Will you stand with Loko?

As thousands of us prepare to raise millions during Christian Aid Week, **Hannah Richards** reminds us how our efforts can transform the lives of those in even the deepest poverty.



You wake in the dark to feed the baby. You shake down the goat-hide mat where she has wee'd in the night. She wears no nappies. The bed you made with branches tied together creaks as you rise. As the skies start to lighten you are already on your way. The sounds of your children die away as you walk.

'God please clear all the thorny plants from my way. Help me find good firewood so I can sell it. Help me buy some food for my children because they are going to die.'

One foot in front of the other. You pray. You try to ignore the pains in your stomach.

'I have to force myself to go out and collect firewood. I

do it so I don't have to face my children crying, weeping, and yelling when they have nothing to eat. I have to go to the bush and collect the wood and carry it down into the town on my back.'

This is Loko Jarso's reality. Loko walks by herself for hours at a time to get the firewood she needs to sell. But Loko is not alone. She has you: everyone

who paces the streets, delivering and collecting Christian Aid Week envelopes; every person abseiling down a cathedral; every sponsored walker; every cake-maker. Loko and others like her are not alone because we stand with them.

Loko's budget is impossible: she must feed, clothe, educate and medicate six children all for £4 a week. And her status as a woman is that of a second-class citizen. In her cattle-rearing, pastoralist community in the south of Ethiopia, the traditional laws have prevented women from owning property.

We know this can change, that lives like Loko's can be transformed. Christian Aid's work through our partner HUNDEE has already transformed the lives of so many here. HUNDEE asks communities to identify who are the poorest of the poor. These are invariably women, and often widows like Adi Abduba.

Adi's situation used to be every bit as precarious as Loko's. Adi was given a cow and two goats. The cow allows her to nourish her children and make money through selling milk and butter. In these

communities, owning a cow gives you rights. For the first time, the cows carry the name of the women who own them, not their father's name, nor their husband's name.

The women meet weekly, to run a loans and savings cooperative, using start-up money from the milk and butter from the cows. With the weekly support we give them, and the support they give each other, they learn to read and write. They learn about their rights and responsibilities, basic maths and how to run small businesses.

HUNDEE is also helping to change the way the whole community sees women. There is less domestic violence, more joint decision-making.

Adi has gone from being the poorest of the poor to being a confident, strong woman. 'When I think about how our lives are improving, I feel so happy.'

This Christian Aid Week, let's show Loko that she is not alone. Let's help give her a better future.

For everything you need to take part this May, visit caweek.org

To make a gift today, please turn to the inside back cover.



Having a cow has changed Adi's life (left) and with your help we can transform the life of Loko (opposite, and above right) and so many others like her.



How you can tell Loko's story on the doorstep

Here's a summary of Loko's story for house-to-house collectors:

'This Christian Aid Week, local volunteers like me are raising money for people in poverty all around the world. We want to help people like Loko in Ethiopia (her photo is on the back of this year's envelopes). Loko lives on a knife-edge; if she misses a day's work her children could starve. So she walks her feet to the bone carrying heavy firewood for eight hours each day to sell, but she only earns enough to provide one small meal a day for her children. No one should have to live like this. That's why we're raising money this week. Christian Aid is giving women like Loko cows, goats and training, so they can earn a better income, learn business skills and have a voice in society. Could you support us today?'

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caweek.org

Display this poster somewhere public, in your window or place of work, to spread the word about Christian Aid Week and encourage your local Christian Aid Week volunteers!



Bring what you have to Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week just wouldn't happen without your help. Two local organisers talk to Church Fundraising Officer **Mia Guthrie** about what the week means to them. And if you're still wondering how to help, we've got five last-minute fundraising suggestions.



Jesus challenges us to love our neighbour. At Christian Aid, we believe he means our global neighbour too.

We can't sit back and allow poverty to thrive. So during Christian Aid Week, from 10-16 May, we're coming together as thousands of churches, supporters, partners and staff, to work hard to transform people's lives in the here and now, and to inspire lasting hope for the future. We each bring what we have – our energy,

our voices, our influence, our time, our talents, our prayer and our worship – and use it to work for a world that looks more like God's Kingdom.

Christian Aid Week relies on the thousands of wonderful organisers, church reps and volunteers, who devote their time, energy and talents to serving the poor. Here we meet two organisers with different stories, but the same goal.

To make a gift today, please turn to the inside back cover of this issue.

Meet the organisers



It's been 30 years since **Walter Goodman** started house-to-house collecting for Christian Aid Week, and he remains just as enthusiastic and dedicated as ever. For many years, Walter was instrumental in organising Christian Aid Week in Leicester, and for the past 12 he has been leading the Rugby District Christian Aid Group, which last year raised a staggering £21,500 from its house-to-house collection.

Beyond Christian Aid Week, he aims to raise money every month, so he and his group organise a wide variety of fundraising get-togethers – from their hugely popular curry

lunch to a fun quiz night. Walter says the thing he enjoys most about Christian Aid Week is 'working with people from lots of different denominations, backgrounds and cultures, all coming together to work for the same cause.'

Indeed, the Rugby group is linked to 21 other groups in the area. Together, they deliver more than 25,000 envelopes and deploy more than 500 collectors!

There's no sign of Walter stopping anytime soon, and his aim is to keep building on the group's successes every year to raise even more money for Christian Aid's work.

Five fast fundraisers!

Want to take part in Christian Aid Week but short on time? Try these fast fundraising ideas.

Ice-cream sale

In keeping with our cow-themed stories, sell ice-cream cones after church, at work or at playgroup. You can keep it simple, or add value with fancy toppings and flakes!



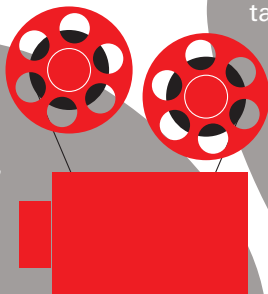
Second-hand jewellery

Borena women in Ethiopia wear beautiful coloured beads. Join together with your friends to bring in beads and jewellery to sell during Christian Aid Week.



Coffee tasting

Host a Fairtrade coffee tasting. Or, after church on Sunday 10 May, why not serve Ethiopian ground coffee (Christian Aid Week's featured country) and ask people to contribute the price of a latte from a coffee shop?



Sponsored moovie night

Rounding off a cow-themed Christian Aid Week, if you love films, why not host a moovie night? Your friends can make a donation for a fun evening with all the trimmings – popcorn, ice-cream and more.

Workplace swish

Combine a wardrobe clear-out with a fun fundraiser. Encourage workmates to bring in unwanted clothes on a day during Christian Aid Week and hold a swish. We all love a bargain!



For more fundraising ideas go to caweek.org



Imogen Hardman is going all out to celebrate Christian Aid Week with young people this year. Imogen became interested in Christian Aid's work while at university, when she took the decision to volunteer in her local Christian Aid office. After university Imogen decided to step up her commitment by registering for Christian Aid's internship scheme.

She says the best way to reach young people is 'to offer them something they would normally spend their money on'. With this in mind, she is planning to host a dinner party where she will cook dishes from Ethiopia, linking with

this year's Christian Aid Week story. Her friends will donate what they would normally pay for a similar meal in a restaurant.

Another fundraising idea that Imogen is keen to expand on is a campus picnic fair. Imogen has been working with students at Winchester University, who organise a Christian Aid Week campus fair, where students can enjoy cake and nibbles while hearing stories of Christian Aid's work. 'The free cake ensures a healthy turn-out!' says Imogen. 'It's a great way to attract students and inspire them to get involved with Christian Aid Week.'

‘They saw men, women and children who needed, above all, to have their dignity recognised when everything had been working against it’

Christian Aid’s 70th anniversary was celebrated on Radio 4’s *Sunday Worship* last month. A sermon by our Chair, **Dr Rowan Williams**, focused on the response of the churches to the suffering caused by the Second World War, which led to the foundation of Christian Aid and a number of other relief agencies. This is his message.

I’m going to let you into a secret,’ says Jesus. ‘You think you know who matters to God and why – but the secret is that the ones who are blessed, the ones who are in tune with God’s will and God’s world, they’re the ones you don’t expect.’

When, in his great address, Jesus spells out who is ‘blessed’, it’s not a moral or political programme that he outlines, it’s a glimpse of reality.

Jesus lets us into the secret that God sees things differently from us. And what we’re asked to do as believers is to see freshly – to see people as God sees them, and then to work out what actions follow.

At the end of the Second World War, people *saw* things. They saw unspeakably terrible things when the death camps were discovered in Auschwitz and elsewhere. They saw what

happened when a whole race was written out of human fellowship and sympathy; when people with disabilities or unacceptable views or unacceptable sexuality were relegated to the category of sub-humans. They saw the results of generations of lazy prejudice and contempt transformed into mass murder.

They saw the sheer facts of suffering in the wake of war: a devastated Germany betrayed by its rulers; unprecedented numbers of refugees: families left stranded on the stony shore as the tide of war retreated, children who seemed to have no future.

They saw and they responded. But they didn’t just see a lot of poor, suffering victims who needed help from prosperous and generous people. They saw men, women and children who needed,

above all, to have their dignity recognised when everything had been working against it. They resolved to set a new standard, to give the suffering, the hungry, the forgotten and displaced, the honour and significance they deserved just because they were human. They saw, for a wonderful and grace-filled moment, with God’s eyes.

When we talk of men and women being made in God’s image, we don’t just mean that men and women have a few things in common with God. Perhaps it helps to think of the image we see when we look into a mirror. It’s there because we’re there, looking at it. And so, when God makes human beings ‘in his image’, he looks at what he’s making and sees his own beauty and generosity reflected back to him. When he looks at us and we look back, that’s when the secret becomes

Refugees arriving at a special camp for displaced persons, set up in Hamburg Zoo, in 1945.



clear: he asks us to mirror him, to reflect the way he acts and the way he sees.

St Paul has a wonderful phrase about how, when we turn to God, the veil is removed from our faces: we discover who we are; and we discover who and what everything and everyone else is in the light of God.

We see others as called into the same adventure we're called to, capable of love and generosity. The vision that inspired the Sword of the Spirit, Christian Aid, the Ecumenical Refugee Commission, Oxfam and many other groups during and after the war, was the vision of helping the poor and forgotten to take their proper place again as partners in the great work of humanising the world and guaranteeing the wellbeing of all.

That's the vision to which we're being asked to commit

ourselves again today. But it's a vision; it means we need to learn to see better, to see where prejudice and thoughtless indifference today may lead us to turn away from the face of God and start seeing the world falsely. To see better, we need a bit of sitting still, looking again into the face of God so that the veil of ignorance and sin can fall away for a moment. And from this comes the energy to work for a time when others will have the freedom to do what they were created to do – to show God's action and God's joy, living out their human dignity to the full in giving nurture and love to each other.

What our predecessors at the end of the war discovered was both the horror of a world where people have surrendered to poisonous falsehoods about what human beings are, and the unexpected, poignant truth of

the immeasurable dignity that is half-hidden in every human face, even or especially the most powerless and abused. And once you see these things, the world starts changing.

Stop, look, listen – that was the advice schoolchildren were given in my childhood for crossing a road. It's good advice for all of us today. Pause to let go of the anxieties and obsessions and fears; look at the faces of God's children, God's images; listen to the voice calling you to set God's children free. Then cross over to the new creation, the Kingdom of God that belongs to the poor.



This is an abridged version of Dr Williams' sermon from the Radio 4 service at Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, Greater Manchester.

Still striving for a world without poverty

2015 is the 70th anniversary of the founding of Christian Aid. Born in the ashes of World War Two, it is still responding to needs that are just as vivid today.

The organisation that became Christian Aid was launched in the aftermath of the second world war in the face of huge opposition. Why should we help our former enemies when we were still rationed ourselves?

The brainchild of the British Council of Churches, Christian Reconstruction in Europe was renamed Christian Aid after the 'Christian Aid Week' it created in 1957 to raise funds and awareness.

The churches' initial vision was of a world where every person is respected because they are a human being; a world where women and men,

large nations and small, have equal rights; a world where everyone's needs are met; a world where everyone lives in peace and harmony with others as good neighbours; a world without poverty.

As Christian Aid looks back 70 years, we are struck by the fact that the original vision still burns brightly and is as relevant today as it was in 1945.

Opposite, we show some of the major moments from the past seven decades. To view a more detailed timeline, with film clips and interviews with present and former staff, go to christianaid.org.uk/70th-anniversary



A Christian Aid poster from the 1960s highlights 'the poverty gap'.



1970s

Helped 500,000 slum dwellers in Kolkata gain clean water and education. Helped reconstruction in Uganda after fall of Idi Amin. Raised funds for Cambodia after overthrow of Pol Pot.

1980s

Issued an emergency appeal in East Africa, especially Ethiopia, Eritrea and Tigray. Campaigned for an end to apartheid in South Africa.



1940s

Raised more than £3m in today's money to reconstruct Europe and help those left destitute by the second world war.

1950s

Started a week of awareness-raising and fundraising called Christian Aid Week, which has run every year since 1957. Helped found Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO).

1960s

Took the lead in setting up the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), to ensure different relief agencies cooperate during humanitarian crises.



2010s

Helped 935,000 Africans adopt preventive health practices and get the medical treatment they need. Helped to drive the IF Campaign, which insisted there is enough food for everyone. Responded to growing crises in Gaza, Syria and Iraq.

2015

The struggle for justice goes on. Christian Aid continues to expose the scandal of tax dodging, and to challenge and change the systems and structures that make and keep people poor.



1990s

Helped establish the Fairtrade Foundation. Successfully called for western governments to cancel \$130bn of debt owed by poor countries. Helped refugees in Kosovo.

2000s

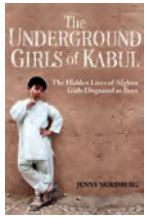
Reached more than half a million people whose lives were devastated by the Indian Ocean tsunami. Organised Cut the Carbon, the longest march in UK history. Organised mass demonstrations as part of Make Poverty History.



Save the dates

We're marking the 70th anniversary of Christian Aid with a number of events around Britain and Ireland this year. Some of the highlights are shown on page 29. For full details of these and other 70th anniversary events, keep checking our Facebook page: [facebook.com/christianaid/events](https://www.facebook.com/christianaid/events)

Book reviews



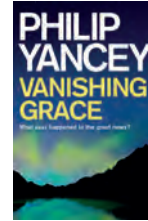
The Underground Girls of Kabul – The Hidden Lives of Afghan Girls Disguised as Boys
Jenny Nordberg
(Virago, £14.99)

Jenny Nordberg deftly negotiates the networks of tightly controlled Afghan society to uncover the fascinating stories of girls raised as boys. In a society that prizes sons above all else, it affords some daughters a chance to experience real freedom and accords status to parents who have never borne a boy. But at what price? With the onset of puberty, some make the transition back to womanhood more easily than others. **LP**



Ebola: The Natural and Human History
David Quammen
(The Bodley Head, £5.99)

Based on first-hand experience, this account tells the intriguing and often shocking story of the deadly Ebola virus. It spans four decades of scientific attempts to trace and conquer the virus, beginning with its 1976 discovery in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In this slim, compelling summary, science writer and explorer David Quammen skilfully unravels the myths and mysteries. An accessible and engaging read for anyone wishing to separate fact from fiction. **TA**



Vanishing Grace
Philip Yancey
(Hodder & Stoughton, £12.99)

The danger of writing about a notion so dynamic and powerful as grace is that through dissection and analysis, it dies. But Philip Yancey's contemporary approach breathes life into this ancient idea by rooting his discussion firmly in the stories, questions and patterns of today's world. A particularly intelligent and nuanced chapter on Christian activists as 'dispensers of grace' stands out in a book that will certainly reinvigorate and reinspire world-weary followers of Jesus. **CJ**

Claire Jones, Laura Pledger and Tomi Ajayi



Sponsored Walk
Sunday 17 May 2015



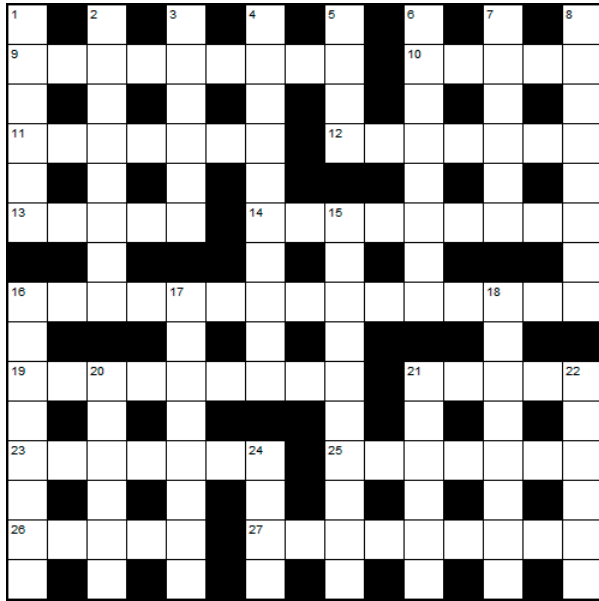
Discover London's historic places of worship

Come join the huge celebration at the end of Christian Aid Week! Explore some of the City of London's best-loved sights and places of worship, and enjoy pop-up exhibitions, music and activities.

Book your place now as a group or an individual at ctc2015.eventbrite.co.uk (you'll receive a free sponsorship pack) or call 020 7523 2417.



Cryptic crossword



Here's a 'cryptic' thought to ponder once you complete the grid: 14, 23, people who 16 across, and those who 10 the second part of 19 make Christian Aid's work necessary. While 4, a lot of 6s, 9, 25, and plenty of 1s assist its work.

Crossword compiled by the Rev Colin Richards

ACROSS

- 9 I counted a revised series of teaching periods (9)
 10 Dave goes round after European introduction to avoid the question (5)
 11 Billboard greeting from the military for Xi Jinping (7)
 12 First English reason producing strong feelings (7)
 13 Maryat's old sea dog was prepared (5)
 14 No understanding of how coin range works (9)
 16 Avert the eyes – it's kool! (4,3,5,3)
 19 Team publication is a peripheral matter (4,5)
 21 Disaster as Charles starts to get skin complaint (5)
 23 Resentfully longing by competing after small space (7)
 25 Moral rightness is only what's found in the freezer (7)
 26 Change of heart about the world (5)
 27 Fenced area made Noel curse (9)

DOWN

- 1 Assistant puts grated peel in her extremities (6)
 2 Makes you bawl, a result of being in Zimbabwe (8)
 3 Illness suffered by female with university degree (6)
 4 Doing good things to sort rope on ship (10)
 5 Keen to get joint (4)
 6 EU employs scorer to find what's needed (8)
 7 Portion of fraction going north (6)
 8 Hardly cut cathedral city (8)
 15 Talk to Straw about toad (10)
 16 Sawn-off gun found in ship by eavesdropper (8)
 17 Funny wit gets lamp as it starts to get dark (8)
 18 Tedious rule waif makes up (8)
 20 Drive around town to start with, then go a different way (6)
 21 Copper most used for traditional practice (6)
 22 Having money to get some boots (6)
 24 Got bigger in deserving reward (4)

Solution at foot of page 29. As an alternative, you can view a set of quick clues for this crossword at christianaid.org.uk/cam

Christian Aid.
 Built on
 unshakeable
 foundations.

70 years ago, our founders wanted to reach out to those left homeless, hungry and destitute by the Second World War. Even those who, just months before, had been the enemy. They believed that a peaceful world could only be achieved by loving our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Christian Aid was built on simple and solid foundations of compassion and love.

A gift for Christian Aid in your Will means that, in an ever-changing world, we can continue to love our neighbour as ourselves – long into the future.

To request Christian Aid's Guide to Wills and Legacies, you can email our Legacy Manager, Alison Linwood, at alinwood@christian-aid.org or call her on 020 7523 2173.

christianaid.org.uk/legacies



Coming soon...

If you'd like to get involved with a Christian Aid fundraiser, workshop, concert, service or 70th anniversary event, here's a round-up of some of the best that are happening across the UK over the spring and summer. You can also find out more about what's happening where you live by going to christianaid.org.uk/inyourarea

APRIL

2 APRIL – 5 MAY LONDON

My Home, My Farm Kahaila, 135 Brick Lane, London E1 6SB

My Home, My Farm is an exhibition of photographs taken by rural Ghanaian women and men. They have used photography to tell their story as part of a development project aimed at improving their agriculture and incomes.

25 LOUGHBOROUGH

Worship. Justice. Creativity.

10am-4.30pm, Emmanuel Church, Loughborough LE11 3NW

A day for artists, songwriters and musicians, children and family leaders, and worship planners and leaders. Register at resoundworship.org/events or contact Martin Gage on 01509 265013 or mgage@christian-aid.org

25 LIVERPOOL

Circle the City Liverpool

10.30am, Anglican Cathedral

Come and join this sponsored walk as a huge

celebration of Christian Aid! For more information, call 01925 573769 or email warrington@christian-aid.org

25 SCOTLAND

Erskine, Forth and Tay Bridge Crosses

Walk one of Scotland's bridges in support of Christian Aid.

Find out more at christianaid.org.uk/walks

freestanding bell tower at Elstow Abbey, near Bedford. Only £15 to register, and aim to raise £100 in sponsorship. To find out more or to register, visit christianaid.org.uk/abseil or email oxford@christian-aid.org or phone 01865 246818.

3 NORWICH

Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Norwich Cathedral

Julian Bryant, Regional Coordinator for Norwich, will speak about the difference Christian Aid is making in Ethiopia. For further details, email norwich@christian-aid.org or phone 01603 620051.

3 MAY – 1 JUNE

SCOTLAND

Malawi Mothers Exhibition

Dates/venues vary
A new exhibition, sharing the stories of women living in a country with one of the worst maternal mortality rates in the world. Find out how Christian Aid is enabling local communities in Malawi, and churches in Scotland, to work in partnership to transform

lives. For details, see christianaid.org.uk/scotland
3-8 May, Falkirk Trinity
8-16 May, Mayfield Salisbury Church, Edinburgh
29 May-1 June, Cults Churches, Aberdeen

4 SHEFFIELD

May Day Trek 9.30am, St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor, Sheffield S10 4LQ

Walk 6, 11 or 16 miles in the Peak District. To register, email info@SheffieldMayDayTrek.org.uk or go to sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk

6 WORCESTER

Teddy Bear Jump and Picnic

3pm, Bredwardine Church, Worcester
Teddies pay to be carried up the tower before parachuting down, using a parachute made by their owner. Contact Sarah salocot@gmail.com

8 NORWICH

Christian Aid Week Launch

1.45pm, outside Norwich Cathedral
Join a host of people,

MAY

1 STOKE-ON-TRENT

Stoke pre-Christian Aid Week Workshop

3-4.30pm, Swan Bank Coffee Lounge, Swan Bank Methodist Church, Swan Square, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST6 2AA

Come and be inspired, ready for Christian Aid Week, with our Chief Executive Loretta Minghella. For more information, email [Becky on bhurst@christian-aid.org](mailto:Becky@christian-aid.org)

2 BEDFORD

Elstow Abbey Sponsored Abseil

Abseil down the historic

including the Dean of the Cathedral, to carry the same amount of firewood that some women carry in Ethiopia to earn a living. For further details, email norwich@christian-aid.org or phone 01603 620051.

**9 WARE, EAST HERTS
Christian Aid
Sponsored Challenge**

From 8.30am, **Allenbury's Sports Club, Ware SG12 0DJ**

Walk or run a marathon in the East Herts countryside. Choose from five stages of 5-11km each. Start times: walkers 8.30-9am; runners 9.30-10am. For more information, see christianaidwalk.org.uk, email lilacre18@gmail.com or phone 01920 465714.

**9 CARDIFF
Christian Aid Week
Plant Sale**

9am-12noon, **Llanishen Baptist Church, Cardiff**
Includes Traidcraft, toys, books and cakes.

**9 NEWCASTLE
Westerhope Plant Sale
Extraordinaire**

10am, **Westerhope Methodist Church, Newcastle NE5 5HA**
A coffee morning on a grand scale, with stalls selling plants, books, cakes and crafts. Contact the Newcastle office, newcastle@christian-aid.org or call 0191 228 0115.

**9 MONMOUTH
Christian Aid Week
Coffee Morning**

10am-12noon, **St Mary's Priory, Monmouth**
Plants, cakes and crafts also for sale.



**SUNDAY 17 MAY
Circle the City London**

1.15pm, **St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside EC2V 6AU**

Join hundreds of other walkers on our famous sponsored walk, as we celebrate 70 years of Christian Aid. Starting and finishing at St Mary-le-Bow, you get the chance to explore many historic buildings along the way. We challenge you to raise a minimum of £100 each! Registration on the day opens at 12.15pm at St Mary-le-Bow, followed by a short pre-walk service at 12.55pm. Register at ctc2015.eventbrite.co.uk and help us reach our ambitious target of £50,000.

**9 HIGHER POYNTON,
CHESHIRE
Walk Against Want**

10am, **St Martin's Church Hall, Higher Poynton SK12 1NH**

Join this sponsored walk along the Middlewood Way and the canal towards Bollington. You can choose to carry water, too, to reflect on the lives of women and children in some of the world's poorest communities. For more information, please email hhowe@christian-aid.org

**9 HUMBERSIDE
Humber Bridge Cross**

2pm, **Hessle Country Park**
Join the annual Christian Aid Week sponsored walk across the iconic 2,220metre-long Humber Bridge. For more information and to register, contact Gill Dalby on 01482 504203 or email gilldalby@gilldalby.karoo.co.uk

**9 POOLE
Poole-Bournemouth
Sponsored Seafront
Walk**

8.30am-4.30pm
Start at Sandbanks or Southbourne and walk, scoot or cycle as far as you wish. Further details from Mrs Joan Percy on 01202 737659 or email southampton@christian-aid.org

**9-10 BIRMINGHAM
Paradise Lane Plant
Sale, Hall Green**

Thousands of plants will be for sale along with cakes and drinks, in a lovely garden. **Also taking place 16-17 May.** For more details, email birmingham@christian-aid.org

**10 DEVIZES
Sponsored Abseil**
All day, **St Mary's Church, Devizes**
Leap into Christian Aid

Week, with this sponsored abseil. Further details from christianaid.org.uk/abseil or kmusgrave@christian-aid.org or 01454 415923.

**10 CAERPHILLY
Christian Aid Week
Service**

6.30pm, **Van Road Church, Caerphilly.**

**11-15 MANCHESTER
Christian Aid Week Big
Bucket Collection**

For more information, contact Bex Turner on rturner@christian-aid.org or 01925 582817.

**11-15 WEST
MIDLANDS
Five Counties, Five Days**

KidsUK and Talking Donkey visit schools to encourage fundraising activities across the West Midlands. For more information, email Pete.pkelsall@christian-aid.org and visit the YouTube channel.

**11-16 BIRMINGHAM
Busking in Birmingham
City Centre**

Could someone you know take part for Christian Aid Week? Email birmingham@christian-aid.org

**11-16 WOOLER,
NORTHUMBERLAND
Wooler Christian Aid
Shop**

9am-5pm, **Wooler High Street, Northumberland**
The Wooler shop returns, selling everything from books to bric-a-brac, furniture to dining sets. For more information, contact Sarah Moon in the Newcastle office at newcastle@christian-aid.org or call 0191 228 0115.



Book Sales

Christian Aid Week just wouldn't be the same in Scotland without a library's worth of book sales. Heading the list is the book sale at **St Andrew's and St George's West Church, Edinburgh**. Since it started more than 40 years ago, this sale has raised more than £2m for Christian Aid. More than 500 volunteers from Edinburgh and beyond work together to create Christian Aid's biggest fundraising event in the UK. There are also book sales at **Queen's Cross Parish Church, Aberdeen; Morningside United Church, Holy Corner, Edinburgh** and **Falkirk Trinity Church**. For full details of the dates and opening times, please go to christianaid.org.uk/scotland-events

14 BLAINA, SOUTH WALES
Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning
 10.30am-12.30pm, Blaina Methodist Church
 Pop along for some of John Penny's famous tea and toast!

14 FLINT
Christian Aid Week Lunch and Talk
 12noon, St John's URC, Flint
 Enjoy a bite to eat and listen to Llinos Roberts, North Wales Supporter Relations Officer. Organised by the Flint Christian Aid Group.

15 CHWILOG, GWYNEDD
Paned bore Wythnos Cymorth Cristnogol
 10-11 Neuadd Chwilog
 Croeso cynnes i bawb!

15 CAPEL MAESYNEUADD
Noson mŵfis Trefor
 7pm.
 Ffilmiau comedi a noson o hwyl i bob oed!
 / Film evening, Capel Maesyneuadd Trefor.
 Comedy films and fun!

16 OXFORDSHIRE
Walk the Country
 From 8.30am, Bix Village Hall, Bix RG9 6BS
 Register 8.30-10am to walk 5, 10 or 15 miles in the south Oxfordshire countryside. For more information, see christianaid.org.uk/walks or email jhall@christianaid.org or call 01865 246818.

16 BRAINTREE
Walk Against Want
 Great Notley Country Park, near Braintree, Essex
 Join the churches of Braintree and surrounding

areas in their sponsored walk, followed by a picnic. For more information, call 020 7523 2105 or email LSE@christian-aid.org

16 NEWTON ABBOT
Sponsored Walk
 9am, Decoy Park, Newton Abbot TQ12 1EB
 A new venue for this annual Christian Aid Week event. Contact southampton@christian-aid.org or phone 023 8070 6969.

16 MINEHEAD
Concert with Minehead Male Voice Choir
 7.30pm, St Andrew's Church, Minehead
 Tickets £7, available on the door. For further information, contact Bill Griffiths on 01643 709442.

17 WINCHESTER
Eucharist and Picnic
 11am, Winchester Cathedral and 12.30pm in the Dean's garden
 Susan Durber, Christian

Aid's Theology Adviser, shares inspiring stories of our work. Details from southampton@christian-aid.org

17 MALDON, ESSEX
Maldon Fun Run
 2-5pm, Promenade Park, The Hythe, Maldon, Essex
 Serious runners and novices alike are welcome to follow this 5km course alongside the River Blackwater. Please email bandjwallace@talktalk.net

17 LLANIDLOES, MID-WALES
Cytun Llanidloes Christian Aid Week Service
 5.30pm, Manledd chapel
 Speaker, Anna Jane Evans, North Wales Coordinator.

17 BARRY, SOUTH WALES
Christian Aid Week Youth Service
 7.30pm, Barry Waterfront Centre.



70 Munros Challenge
 We've started, so we'll finish... Join us on the mountaintops to mark our 70th anniversary, as we continue our quest to climb 70 Munros – Scotland's mountains of more than 3,000ft. We aim to raise £70,000 from this challenge – that's £1,000 per Munro, and hope more and more of you will get involved. For a full schedule of the Munros we're climbing – and the dates – go to christianaid.org.uk/70munros or call 0141 221 7475.

23 IPSWICH Orchestra Recital

St John's Church,
Cauldwell Hall Road,
Ipswich IP4 4QE

Popular classics performed by the Community Light Orchestra. For more details, email norwich@christian-aid.org or phone 01603 620051.

31 BRISTOL Bristol 10k Run

Challenge yourself to run around Bristol for Christian Aid. Visit christianaid.org.uk/events or contact bristol@christian-aid.org or phone 01454 415923.

JUNE

1 SHERBORNE Lecture – My Sister's Keeper

7.30pm, The Digby Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL
Loretta Minghella, Chief Executive of Christian Aid, speaks at Sherborne Abbey's Insight Lecture. Tickets (£5) from the Abbey office on 01935 812452.

6 CUMBRAE Cumbrae Challenge

Join a 10-mile sponsored walk or cycle around the beautiful isle of Cumbrae. For details, contact Amy Menzies at 0141 241 6138 or amenzies@christian-aid.org or find out more at christianaid.org.uk/walks

17 LONDON
We hope you can join the climate lobby in Westminster. Contact your regional office for travel plans. See story page 10.

18 LONDON Thank You Tea

From 3pm, Christian Aid,
35 Lower Marsh, London

A special event for supporters in London and the South East. A feedback workshop, from 3-5pm, is followed by a cream tea at 5pm and then, from 6-8pm, a repeat of the workshop for those who can't come in the afternoon. For more information, contact Julia Wensley on 020 7523 2321, jwensley@christian-aid.org

20 GLOUCESTERSHIRE Race4All 5km run/walk

11am for 12noon start, Woodchester Mansion, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

To register online, go to race4all.co.uk or contact nsharp@christian-aid.org or phone 01454 415923.

20 HONITON World Record Charity Skydive

Dunkeswell Airfield, near Honiton
Further information from skydiveukltd.com or call 01404 890222 or email southampton@christian-aid.org

20 JARROW Bede's Way Walk

A 12-mile sponsored walk from St Paul's Church, Jarrow, to St Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. We also have a family-friendly 4-mile route starting and finishing at St Peter's. To register, call the Newcastle office on 0191 228 0115 or email newcastle@christian-aid.org

Christian Aid 70th Anniversary Events

19 April Thanksgiving Service for 70 Years of Christian Aid in Ireland at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.

15 September 70th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Renewal, 4.30pm, St John's Church, Waterloo.

3 October Many Mountains to Climb: Scotland 70th Anniversary Conference, 10am-4.30pm, City of Edinburgh Methodist Church.

30 November 70th Anniversary Advent Service, 7.30pm, Winchester Cathedral, Hampshire.

3 December Carol Service at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, hosted by Huw Edwards of the BBC.

27 SHEFFIELD Sheffield Night Hike

8.30pm, St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor, Sheffield S10 4LQ

17-mile overnight sponsored hike on the edge of the Peak District. To register go to sheffieldnighthike.org.uk or email info@SheffieldNightHike.org.uk

JULY

11 NEWCASTLE Christian Aid Thank You Service

3pm, The Cathedral Church of St Nicholas, Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1DF

An ecumenical service to celebrate the amazing contribution that Christian Aid supporters in the North East make to the eradication of poverty.

SEPTEMBER

6 CARDIFF Cardiff 10k

Get in touch if you would like to join the Christian Aid Cardiff 10k team! With a pre-10k running session with our former intern and ultra-runner Moses Tutesigensi. Contact cardiff@christian-aid.org

13 NEWCASTLE Great North Run 2015

We're looking for 70 runners to help us mark Christian Aid's 70th anniversary at the world's biggest half marathon! If you would like to be part of our magnificent 70, or you already have your own place through the ballot and would like to join the Christian Aid team for this memorable event, please sign up online at christianaid.org.uk/run

SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER Riding Lights National Tour

Encourage your friends and community to come to your local production of this exciting creative drama, commissioned by Christian Aid and Operation Noah. The play will include environmental themes to get us thinking about climate change ahead of crucial climate talks in Paris in December. For more information, contact your local Christian Aid office or see ridinglights.org

The tiger, the fisherman, his wife and our future

A climate warning from the jungle



Once, far from here but close enough to matter, a woman stood waiting. She stood near the entrance to her hut and waited for the fishing boat that would bring her husband home...


The woman and her husband lived where the earth meets the rising sea. They worked hard but they were poor, and the family was often hungry. The ground around them had become too salty to grow crops.

Across the river there was a thick mangrove forest. Every day the woman's husband went into the forest to search for wood to keep them warm and food to ease the ache in their stomachs. Her husband collected honey from the honeycombs; he fished in the water channels and dragged home tree boughs to burn and use for shelter.

Husband was nervous of the dark forest. It was a tangled, mysterious, forbidden place, of moths and fire ants, spotted deer and monkeys. And in the forest there lived a great beast. A watchful, terrifying TIGER...

- To hear the end of the story, and to find out why India's 'man eating' tigers are helping to protect millions of people in Kolkata and south Bengal from the devastating impacts of climate change, visit christianaid.org.uk/tigers
Story: Catriona Lorie





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