



Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is next week!!

What is it? What does it do?

Why do we support it?



Well, here are some examples of the work of Christian Aid:



South Sudan

The recent fighting in Sudan has put further pressure on its neighbour South Sudan. 200,000 people had already crossed the border seeking sanctuary, with more expected. But the new arrivals have come into an area already beset with hunger and which lacks the space and resources to cope. Alongside long-term work to

build peace and improve food security in the region, Christian Aid have also stepped up their emergency relief efforts by providing communal shelters and identifying children who have become separated from their families.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Christian Aid has worked in the DRC since the 1970s. It's a country plagued with violence. Christian Aid's long term work has built trust which, in recent years, has let them do more than simply provide relief. They have been involved in the last two elections by training local observers and enabling governmental transparency.

Haiti

has been a flash point of violence in recent months, with gangs taking over most of the Capital Port-au-Prince. Christian Aid is supporting 1,000 families recently displaced by the violence with food, shelter and other essentials. Psychosocial support is also being given to women and girls who has experienced sexual violence in the crisis.



These are just a tiny fraction of what they do. In 2022/23, 275 projects were implemented globally and 3.3 million people directly benefited from Christian Aid's interventions. Christian Aid seeks to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, who commanded his followers to love their neighbour and work for a better world - that's why we support it!!

This Sunday: 9:15am Holy Communion **11am** All Age worship **7pm** Taize



A simple pattern of prayer for the week ahead.

Opening Words

Jesus was exalted, to the right hand of God and received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, who was poured on you. Cf Acts 2:33

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

As we worship you in majesty, make us always ready for your coming Spirit. Amen.

Bible Reading

Friday: Acts 28:17-31

Saturday: John 14:1-14

Sunday: John 14:15-30

Monday: John 15:1-17

Tuesday: John 15:18-27

Wednesday: John 16:1-15

Thursday: John 16:16-24

Friday: John 16:25-33



In this week's readings, Jesus is teaching his disciples how to live when he has ascended back into heaven, and about the gift of the Holy Spirit they will receive.

Collect for the day

God the King of glory, as we rejoice in the triumph of your son: fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A Prayer for Patience and Hope

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for Christian Aid Week

Gracious Lord, may your blessing rest on everyone taking part in Christian Aid week this year. May they be good witnesses to the love of Jesus. May they be strengthened and protected. And may their work produce a harvest for your kingdom, now, and in the age to come. Amen.

A Prayer for mission

O God, who on the day of Pentecost enabled your Spirit-filled people so to bear witness to all: baptise your Church today with the same Spirit of power, that it may fulfil its mission to preach the gospel to the whole creation and all the peoples of the world may learn of Christ in their own language, to the glory of his name. Amen

A Prayer for the climate change

Jesus, you were able to calm the storm, and save your followers from disaster. Help us to weather the storms we face, to take action against the climate crisis, and to respond to those in need. Amen.

A Prayer for the sick

Lord Christ, shine upon all who are in the darkness of suffering or grief... In your perfect light, may they receive hope and courage, and in your presence may find their rest and peace; for your love's sake. Amen.

Add your own prayers or say the Lord's Prayer

Final prayer

Jesus, You showed us what love is by laying down your life for us. Help us this Christian Aid Week to reflect that same sacrificial love through generous giving and courageous action for those in need. Amen.

Picture of the week



Nimbus, taking part in 'Bow down' last Wednesday night - a public prayer gathering in Nottingham's market square to mark the start of 'Thy kingdom' - a season of prayer in the run up to pentecost.