The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the start of Christian Aid Week, always a significant week in the life of our parish. Although it will be very different this year with no house-to-house collections or special events, nevertheless it is all the more important. Inevitably all the news has been about how 'we' are handling the pandemic, but now is the right time to raise our eyes and look across the world and recognise the needs of our global neighbours.

It will be hugely challenging for Christian Aid to raise the sort of funds needed, but David Fulljames, CA rep for Good Shepherd, has produced a leaflet outlining how we in this parish may rise to the challenge and play our part. There is also more information and various links on the parish website: www.christchurchtettenhallwood.co.uk

For our worship this week I have adapted the special order of service produced by Christian Aid, which gets us thinking about our hands and using them in prayer as well as action. You also get two sermons for the price of one this week! They're both based on the same reading, but quite different. Rev Carol has produced a deep meditation on John 14: 6 – 'I am the way, the truth and the life' – whilst I have followed suggestions from Christian Aid in linking the same chapter of the Gospel with how we go about this week.

Many of you will be aware I have made my first attempt at an online video service – a commemoration for VE Day. I have enclosed the text of that commemoration, for the benefit of those who don't operate online. I'm hoping to be able to do something like this more regularly – look out on the website, church Facebook pages, or on YouTube.

I think that's all for now. Keep well. Keep strong. Keep faithful.

May God bless you, now and always,

Phil