

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May



Florence is a soulful, joyful woman: full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous and kind – a survivor.

A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. Like many others do now, she had to walk for hours to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But she is a fighter. With help from Christian Aid's local partner, Florence and her community were able to build a dam together, just 30 minutes from her house.

Using water from the dam, Florence grows tomatoes, onions and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables, and she has enough left to sell. It's her source of life and joy.

Every pound raised this Christian Aid Week, every prayer said and every action taken are expressions of our Christian love and compassion, of our belief that all life is equal and precious in the sight of God. Together, we stop this climate crisis, and give brave, hard-working women like Florence the chance to thrive.

For Christian Aid Week at Christ Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd we normally raise well over £2,000; that's the equivalent of about £20 for each person in our usual Sunday congregations.

Ways to support Christian Aid Week 2021

We are still restricted this year in what we can do to collect, although some envelope delivery is now possible, and sponsorship can put the fun in fundraising.

But we are still asking you to help beat last year's total of £2,250; that's the equivalent of about £20 for each person in our usual Sunday congregations.

We want you to feel that you are contributing to a Parish effort, so we have set up ways to do that (but if you donate online direct to Christian Aid, that's fine).

Please give however much you can.

The Parish website has all the information you need.

Click christchurchtettenhallwood.co.uk/caw/ to go there and find:

- How to donate via the Parish's Christian Aid Week JustGiving page. **This includes the opportunity to add Gift Aid to your donation.** *Note that JustGiving ask for a voluntary contribution to their costs; this is not obligatory – just select 'other'.*
- Ways to invite friends and family to donate.
- Quizzes for fun and fundraising, including a West Midlands themed one.
- More about Christian Aid's work with people in the poorest countries who are affected by coronavirus.
- A video about Christian Aid's work in combating the effects of climate change in Africa.
- Prayer resources for use during Christian Aid Week,

If you would rather not use the internet to send money:

Post a cheque (payable to Christian Aid) to
Christian Aid, c/o David Fulljames, 55 Richmond Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 9JH

This money will go into a local account, which will then be transferred to Christian Aid head office.

*Please do **not** send cash, and do **not** send cheques direct to Christian Aid, as they cannot deal with them at present.*

If you are a tax-payer, please complete the Gift Aid form on a CA Week envelope, available in Church or from either of us below.

You can also make credit/debit card donations by phone direct to Christian Aid on **020 7523 2269**. *You may find the lines very busy.*

*Many thanks from your Parish Christian Aid organisers,
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and David Fulljames 01902 425710*