



Christian Aid Week

Do you have hopes? Do you have dreams? For yourself? Your family? All of us do, I guess. So what's your dream? What do you hope for? Sadly, for many people across the world, hopes and dreams seem pointless and have no chance of fulfilment.

Over the years Christian Aid has built up experience in distributing raised funds globally through local partner organisations, people who are best placed to help their communities



build lives of dignity and resilience. So you can help to shape a fairer, more sustainable world. Every gift counts and every action makes a difference.

Each year a specific need is highlighted. This year tells the story of Fridah whose husband died last year. Fridah and her children live in Nairobi in a rented corrugated metal shelter with no running water and only shared toilets. Until recently she has been buying wholesale food and trying to sell it for a profit in the local market but she is struggling to feed her children. Through Christian Aid's partner "Beacon of Hope" she's received tools, seeds and training so she can vertically grow fresh vegetables in a small patch of waste ground – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income and allowing her to plan a future.



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Cakes, Bookstall & Coffee Morning
Homemade Cakes, Light Refreshments and Bookstall supporting the Christian Aid Week Appeal

Saturday 9th May
10am-12 noon East Leake Methodist Church

And Christian Aid's work spreads in many other directions too. From climate change to conflict action and deepening inequality — Christian Aid Week matters more than ever. So please support our East Leake effort this year. On Saturday May 9th (10-12) a warm welcome awaits you at our coffee morning with a cake stall, book stall and jigsaw stall at the Methodist church opposite the village hall. There are also street collections on the mornings of Saturday 9th and 16th May.



Ascension Day Service 10am Thur 14th May
Celebrating the completion of Jesus earthly work of salvation, and the beginning of his reign as Lord over all. All are welcome.

St Mary's East Leake
Ascension Day
Holy Communion
10am Thursday 14th May

St Mary's East Leake
FOOTBALL CAMP
Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

Half Term Football Camp A 4-day football course during the half term for boys and girls of all abilities in Key Stage 2, school years 3 – 6. To book or find our more, go to www.eastleakechurch.org/football

Sunday Services: 9:15am Communion, **11am** Morning Worship **7pm** Taize



A simple pattern of prayer for the week ahead.

Opening Words

"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down... even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." John 21:25

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Bible Reading

- Friday:** 2 Peter 1:1-11
Saturday: 2 Peter 2:1-10
Sunday: 2 Peter 2:11-22
Monday: 2 Peter 3:1-10
Tuesday: 2 Peter 3:11-18
Wednesday: Jude 1-11
Thursday: Jude 12-25
Friday: Acts 1:1-11

These readings are from the Letters of Peter and Jude, written to early the Christians, struggling with false teaching in the church as they try to be faithful in a hostile world.

Collect for the day

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Christian Aid Prayer

Lord, you have promised to hear us when we call on you. Bless those who are battling hunger and hardship. Open our eyes to the challenges our global neighbours face each day. Amen.

A prayer for the church

Awaken, O God, your Church through-out the world. Help us to see in all the tensions and unrest of these times. the cross of Christ as the one way of peace; and let the living Spirit of the Lord so move among us that there may be a revival of that faith by which the lost are saved, the captives set free, hearts changed, and righteousness becomes victorious over sin. Amen.

A prayer for the local council

We pray, for those who hold elected office in our local area, and for all who serve the community; that fulfilling their duties, they may wisely and faithfully exercise the authority committed to them and seek the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Rogation Prayer (*Praying for the harvest*)

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the sick

Father, we bring to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ those whose suffering ill-health at this time... In your goodness may they know comfort and find wholeness in body, mind and spirit, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Add your own prayers or say the Lord's Prayer

Final prayer

Holy Spirit, open our eyes today, that by faith, we may see Jesus and all his redeeming work now and forever. Amen

Picture of the week



Some of our youth group, out delivering Christian aid week envelopes last week in the village