



Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

Drought starves But hope does not disappoint Hope lives in you

Drought robs women of the power to farm and grow food for their families.

Now, for the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

Women and men in Zimbabwe are hungry to provide a more hopeful future. Mums often skip meals to share with their children what little food they have.



One of these mums is Jessica Mwedzi. Drought makes every day a struggle for survival. Jessica is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

'My children crave a good meal, but I can't provide.' Jessica says. **'It pains me to send them to bed hungry.'**

Your gift could help Jessica grow drought-resistant crops. You could help her set up a water tap on her farm and learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. She'll turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

Photo credit: Christian Aid / David Brazier

Caption: Jessica Mwedzi, is hungry to provide food – and hope – for her family.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands who give, act and pray – stepping out in love for our global neighbours. With you by our side, we won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community helping those living in poverty to transform their own lives.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe

Join us this Christian Aid Week, and help turn hunger into hope.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>



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What we're doing at St Peter's

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.

Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice. This year, like last year, the focus is on the terrifying impact of global warming on many of the poorest communities in the world. At St Peter's we will join with over 20,000 churches across the UK and Ireland to raise money to support Christian Aid's work and join our voices in asking for more urgent action on climate change.

What we're doing as a Church Community

- House to house delivery of envelopes – no collecting this time. We will ask people to bring back the envelopes or give online.
- Street Collection on Harborne High Street on Saturday 21st May – 45 minute sessions
- Junior Church Big Brekkie on Sunday 15th May
- Cake sale after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 15th
- Church reflection and collections

How you can help this Christian Aid Week (15 -21 May):

- **Join** the St Peter's team delivering envelopes and collecting on the High St
- Bake cakes for 15th May
 - **Give** generously to help Jessica and her community grow drought-resistant crops and set up water taps. This is our St Peter's giving page and our QR code [St Peters Christian Aid Week 2022](#)
 - **Individual Fund Raising:** Could you organise a quiz, do a sponsored challenge like the 300,000 steps in May or host a (donations) dinner party? Or send your own individualised e-envelope to family and friends. See the ideas on [Christian Aid Week 2022 - Christian Aid](#),
- **Act** as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality. Sign the petition opposite.
- **Pray** for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that, as a global community, we will care for people living in poverty.



Pre-pandemic St Peter's, we used to raise at least £3,000 during Christian Aid Week. Last year we raised £2,000, a magnificent total give the circumstances, so a huge thank you to everyone. Let's see if we can get back to £3000 this year.

Do join us in raising funds and taking climate action

Please get in touch with the parish office or Julia Howl and join the team.
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We're raising our voices to call for climate justice.

Together, we can restore justice to our world.

This year's Christian Aid Campaign: Setting up an international Loss and Damage Fund

You can sign the petition to establish an international loss and damage fund at:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/loss-and-damage-petition>

Christian Aid is asking you to join with them in calling on Boris Johnson to fully back the creation of an international loss and damage fund, as recommended at COP26 in Glasgow last year. This is necessary because the fossil fuel emissions from western growth and consumption are causing devastating consequences elsewhere in the world.

The petition message to Prime Minister Boris Johnson

The world's poorest and most vulnerable communities are feeling the impact of the climate crisis like never before, and in many cases the resulting loss and damage is irreversible.

At the COP26 conference in Glasgow last November, you acknowledged that the UK and other rich countries bear the most responsibility for causing the climate crisis and that they therefore have a duty to support those hit hardest by it.

We call on you to:

- Push for the creation of a new international fund for climate-related loss and damage in 2022
- Persuade other countries to support a loss & damage fund
- Ensure the money in this fund reaches the poorest and most vulnerable communities

Thank you,

Your email and details

**Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can
live a full life, free from poverty**



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Prayers for Christian Aid Week

(Adapted from the Christian Aid Week resources)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come to the river
and be like trees planted by streams of water,
putting our roots down deep into God's word,
bearing good fruit that will last
not withering from fatigue,
stretching out to receive
and be a source of healing.
Amen.

WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOU

Creator, Son and Spirit,
WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOU
Meet us at our point of deepest need.
Connect us with the needs of others.
Equip us to join in your creative work.
Transform us more into your likeness.

WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

We gather with Jessica and Janet
and their communities in Zimbabwe
May their stories make us hungry for justice
and even more impatient for change.

WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOUR JUSTICE

We gather with all of creation;
with the mountains and the hills.
We shall burst into song,
with the trees of the field
we will clap our hands.

WE ARE HUNGRY TO PRAISE YOU

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God,
cultivator of our faith,
thank you for the privilege
of living in this global garden
planted to bear your fruit,
to delight our tongues,
to fill our bellies,
to energise our bodies.
You have given us life
in all its fullness.
You have given us life,
yet millions still hunger.

Take these gifts of money and support
and use them to help Christian Aid
support communities throughout the
world, and
partners who hunger to provide.
May we be the seeds
from which your kingdom grows.

And in our hunger, we pray
that you will fill us
with your hope,
your passion
and your life,
that we may go out
to give, act and pray.
So all who hunger to provide
may be filled to overflowing.
In the name of Christ,
farmer, gardener and cultivator,