

ALL SAINTS at HOME and TOGETHER

SUNDAY 9 MAY 2021
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Hi everyone,

This forthcoming week, 10-16 May, is Christian Aid week. So today we'll look at what Christian Aid is about and look at one of the projects Christian Aid is supporting



Before we do this here's some shocking maths (statistics) about our world.

If we were to shrink the earth's population into a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.

There would be:

57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere, 8 Africans.

70 would be non-white and 30 white.

70 would be non-Christian and 30 Christian.

6 of the 100 people would possess over half of the entire world's wealth.

80 of the 100 would live in substandard housing.

70 of the 100 would be unable to read.

50 of the 100 would suffer from malnutrition.

1 of the 100 would have a college education and 1 would own a computer.

From Phillip M. Harter, MD, FCAP (Stanford University of Medicine)

Does this seem fair?

Where do you think you fit into these statistics?.....you're Christian, you go to school, you can read, you live in a nice house, you eat nice food regularly (so you don't suffer malnutrition).

How lucky you (and me) are !

As you'll know Christian Aid is a charity organisation which aims to address these shocking statistics.

In general we all know what charities do particularly helping people when there's emergencies like earthquakes and floods.

But charities like Christian Aid don't just help in times of emergencies and disasters. Christian Aid's big aim is to end poverty altogether (Poverty - Over).

POVERTY

Christian Aid isn't just helping Christians in need, it helps and works with all people living in poverty - that is people of all faiths and those with no religious background at all.

It's called Christian Aid because it was started by a group of Christians who believed that Jesus taught us to care for others (remember the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 v25-37).

And Christian Aid isn't just about raising money for people in poverty, it's also about campaigning to politicians and governments to do something about the causes of povertywhich includes:

- education for all children,
- teaching new skills including ways of farming and growing crops,
- climate change and the climate crisis, which is causing flooding (too much rain), as well as droughts (not enough rain), to many communities which are already struggling.

Watch the following video titled "Exploring Christian aid"

<https://vimeo.com/106911622>

On this years Christian Aid envelope (shown below) is the story of Rose who lives in Kenya in East Africa.



What does the picture on the envelope show ?

.....It shows the effects of climate changes in Kenya and what it means to the life of someone who is experiencing the consequences.

Here's Rose's story.

There used to be a rainy season which provided a plentiful supply of water for drinking and for growing crops for the whole year. However these days, there's a climate crisis in Kenya. The rains don't fall as frequently as previously and there are periods drought. When it does rain, it's much heavier and that puts Rose's community at risk of flooding.

The lack of a reliable source of water means that Rose and her community are unable to grow enough food to feed themselves throughout the year and there are periods when they go hungry.

There are still some places where there is water - which can be collected mainly for drinking. However, it's quite a distance away to get to these places and involves a long walk (the picture above on the envelope).

Florence is another person struggling for water in Kenya. Her story is shown in the following video.

<https://christianaid.resourcespace.com/pages/view.php?ref=4187&k=66efe9cc>
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What's Christian Aid doing to help people like Rose and Florence.



Christian Aid is involved in funding projects in Rose and Florence's areas to provide materials and knowledge to help her community build a dam so that they can capture the rain during the rainy season so that they have a more longer lasting water supply.

This will enable them to grow fresh vegetables to eat and to have water to drink throughout the year, and also to be able to maintain cleanliness (particularly handwashing) to enable them to stay safe against coronavirus.

For Rose and Florence this also means then won't need to walk long distances to get water.

In last weeks newsletter we were thinking about what it means to be generous. During Christian Aid week we can demonstrate our generosity by:

- Learning about the effects of climate change and telling others about it. Watch the video on https://youtu.be/yA_6XbabzVE Then think about ways in which you might help Christian Aid in the future.
- **Write "Letters for Creation" to be displayed in our church when we get together again. Details of what a "Letters for Creation" is can be found on the following page.**
- Donating some of your pocket money to Christian Aid.
- Encouraging others to donate to Christian Aid.

Letters For Creation

In 2017, the Archbishop of Canterbury invited senior clergy from across the Communion to share their thoughts on what caring for God's creation meant to them. By inviting children and young people to write their own **'letters' for creation**, we want to continue the conversation about **what it means to care for God's creation and what they'd like to say to adults about caring for our common home**. The letters can be a letter but also pictures and art work with messages (see examples on the following page).

Last year Christian Aid collected the "Letters" (which included physical letters, photographs, poems, songs, posters, and so on) and collated them to form a travelling exhibition, hopefully touring events such as the UN's climate change conference (COP26) as well as being showcased digitally.

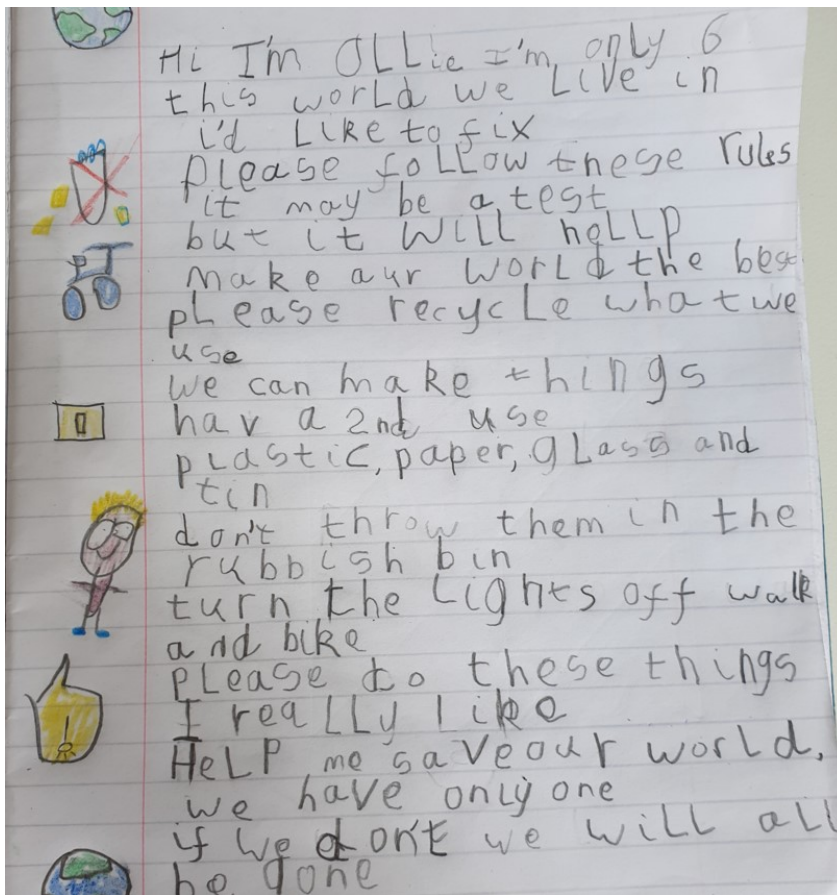
For Us in All Saints

Once we're back in church we could display any letters (drawings etc) you produce on a display board. You can do as many letters for creation and artwork as you like.

I can also arrange for you to read out your letter or talk about your artwork during the main service. We might also be able to show any letters and artwork on the All Saints website.

Let me know what you produce - send me an email to my usual email address.

Here's some examples:



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the work that Christian Aid
does in our community and abroad.

Thank you for the time and effort that
volunteers put into Christian Aid, and
thank you also for the many people who donate
to Christian Aid, so that those communities
that need it receive aid when they need it.

Amen



Word Searches

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CHRISTIAN
CLIMATE
DROUGHT
CHANGE

AID
CRISIS
FLOOD

WEEK
KENYA
POVERTY

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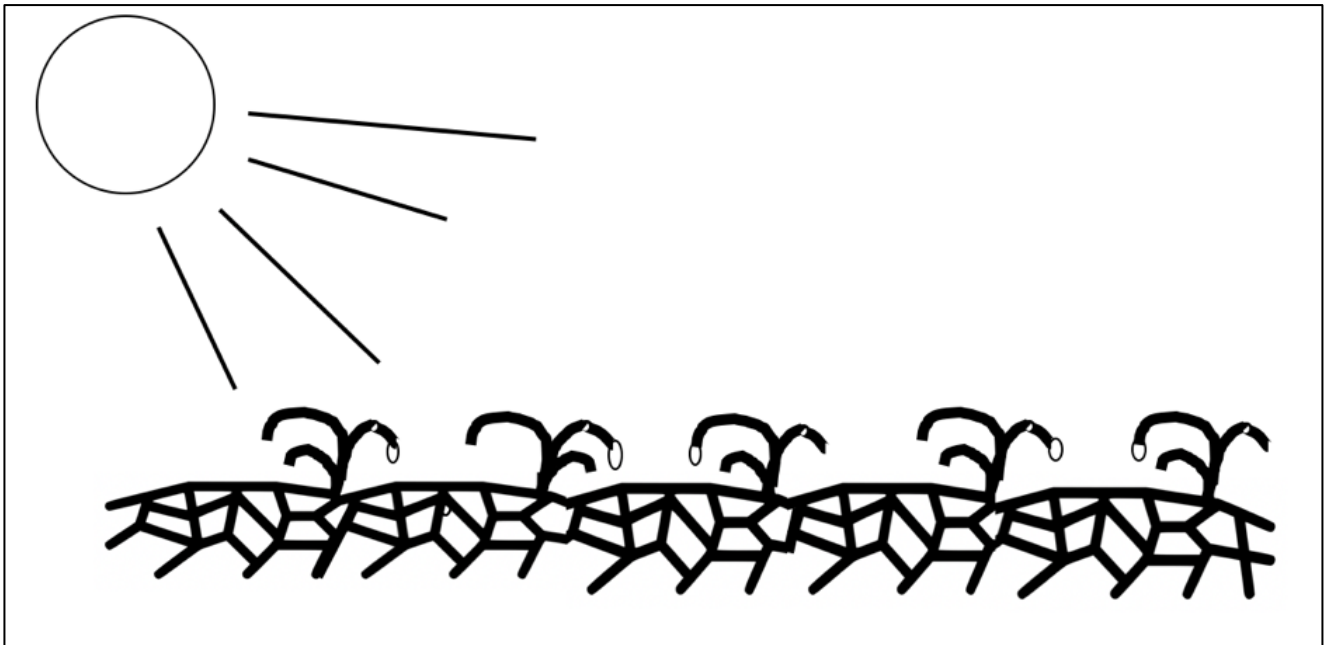
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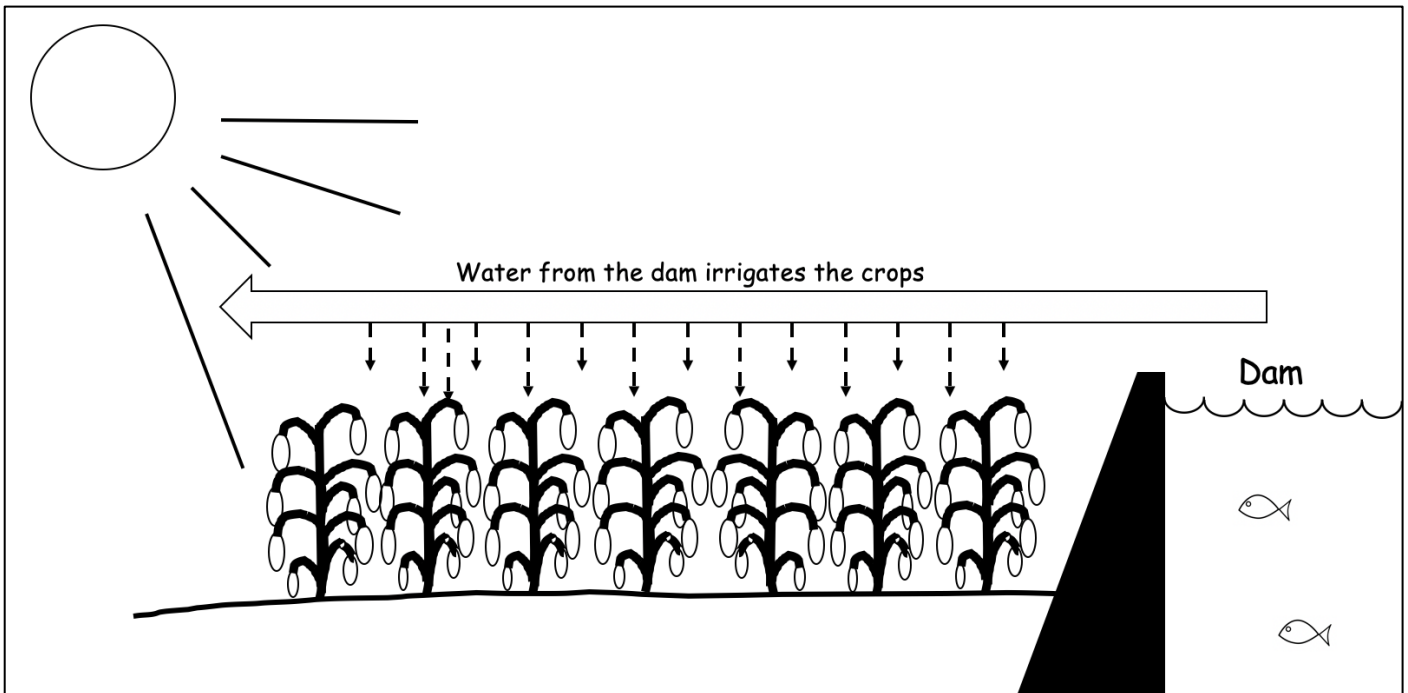
Drought

- Not enough water.
- Ground goes hard and gets cracked.
- Plants can't fully grow.
- Crops wither.
- Not enough food to eat.





Christian Aid provided funding and knowledge for building a dam to collect water when it rains.



Crops watered from collected rain water in the dam

- Enough water to irrigate the plants throughout the year.
- Ground has moisture to support crop growth.
- Enough crops grown to feed the community .