



11 May 2022

Dear Friends,

Fairy tales are more than true – not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten. So said GK Chesterton. Christian Aid is a real fairy tale. At first sight, it is a typical Development Agency, doing good works in other countries, raising money at home, campaigning on a wide range of issues. But the heart and passion of Christian Aid can best be conveyed as a fairy tale: dragons can be beaten!

You will know some of the challenges that the world's poorest face: inequality, bad harvests, unsanitary living conditions, lack of employment. Rather than concentrate on the problems, Christian Aid shows itself as a community of good people dedicated to equip and support the poorest in their conquering dragons. All their work is about building capacity – not doing good to others, but assisting them in realising their potential and creating their own conditions of flourishing. All this work is long term: building a tradition of education, providing start-up so the people can create their own income, resourcing work that strengthens community, protects health, respects the lived environment and empowers women to be the great community leaders that they can be. Dragons return and re-emerge. Sometimes development projects fail through chance or human bad behaviour. Christian Aid helps pick up pieces so that local communities can return to the fight.

Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools.

Those lines from Kipling's poem 'If' remind us that progress is not inevitable. Nor is progress quick. So, to use a local example, I am delighted that this parish has supported Kwasa College for 20 years – and they value our long support as well. It takes time to build up a tradition of valuing education. It may take a village to raise a child, but it also takes a generation to raise the expectations that life-long learning is worthwhile. How wonderful that the children who attended Kwasa in the early years are now getting professional qualifications, with the hope that some of them will soon be helping lead and guide Kwasa for the next 20 years! That is the sort of generational investment that Christian Aid brokers across the world.

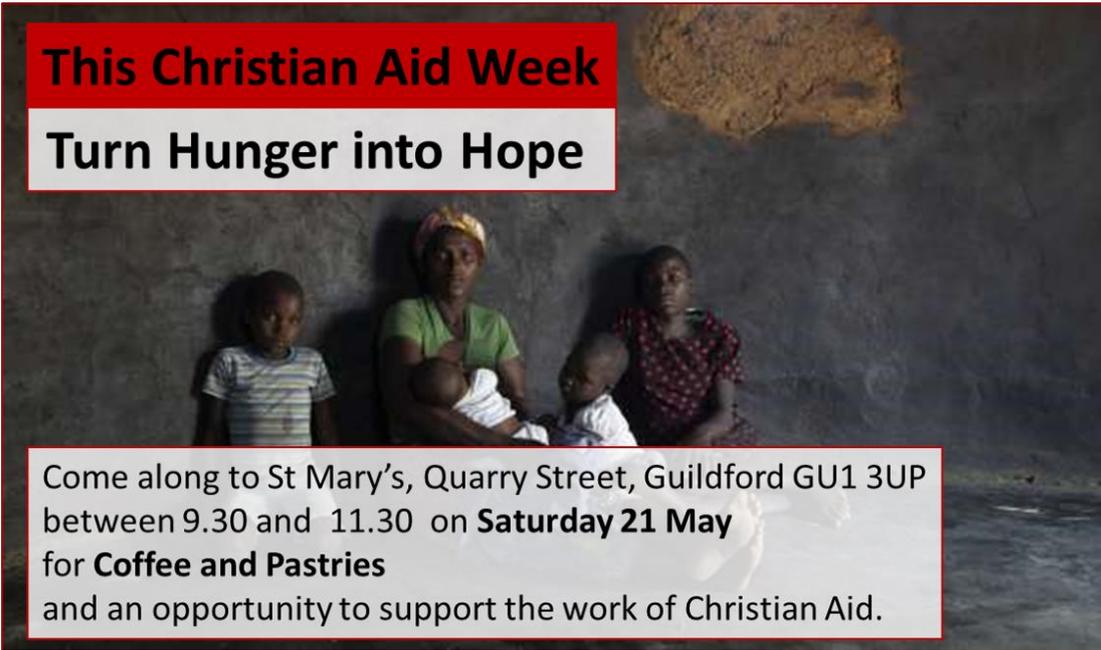
The tools that development agencies need: your prayer, donations, and a shared confidence that the struggle is worth enduring. The miracle of development work is conveyed in the 'fairy tale' of the Feeding of the 5000. Take a little bread - dedicate it to God - share - give - and when you come to collect up the left-overs, there will be baskets full. In most years, Christian Aid week coincides with the Sunday in which Holy Trinity hosts the Civic Service for the new Mayor of Guildford. Perhaps both speak about dedicated generous community service. Dragons can be beaten!-

Robert

Hope in times of crisis.

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for hundreds of families. Even though it's 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe and around the globe. Ukraine and Russia produce large amounts of the world's fertiliser and food, like wheat and cooking oil. Without them, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you. Every prayer, every gift, every action brings hope to people facing disaster, from conflict to climate chaos. This Christian Aid Week we celebrate and share hope with those facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe. Holy Trinity will be collecting donations on the 22nd May using the gift aid envelopes in church or the red collection buckets, or donate online via <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>



This Christian Aid Week
Turn Hunger into Hope

Come along to St Mary's, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3UP between 9.30 and 11.30 on **Saturday 21 May** for **Coffee and Pastries** and an opportunity to support the work of Christian Aid.

Rector's footnotes



Platinum Jubilee at the Cathedral

The Parish of Holy Trinity and St Mary's have been offered two tickets to the Cathedral's Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration. This will take place on Sunday 5th June 2022 at 3.00pm - giving you plenty of time to still make it to our own celebration evensong!

If you are interested in the tickets could you please email Corinne at office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk

These will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Plant and Book Sale

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Plant and Book Sale last Saturday such a success. We raised over £500 for Kwasa School and welcomed many new visitors to Holy Trinity during the event.

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Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed next Wednesday 18th May for training purposes.

Sunday Worship • 15th May 2022

HOLY TRINITY

10am Sung Eucharist

Sermon by Robert Cotton

Revelation 21.1-7 ; John 13.31-35

11.30am Civic Service

Preacher David Peters

6pm Choral Evensong

Preacher Tom Pote

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SERVICE FOR LINKS TO ZOOM
AND YOUTUBE**

**INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND
HERE**

ST MARY'S

8am BCP Holy Communion

Led by Rod Pierce

10:30am Holy Communion

Led by Tom Pote

Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35

Midweek Holy Communion •
Wednesdays • 12 noon

(except the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

**SERVICE SHEETS CAN BE
FOUND ONLINE HERE**

Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am (9.30 Saturday)

REMINDERS!!

This **Friday 13th May 2022** we welcome the Vasari Singers who will be performing Songs and Sonnets at Holy Trinity Church. [Tickets are still available](#). You can [click here](#) for more information.

Volunteers are still needed for Chit Chat! Please do click [here](#) for more information and contact Jane or Susan if you can volunteer some time.



Over 660 people have expressed their concern for Ukraine's people by visiting the weekly **Vigil for Ukraine** at St. Mary's, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3UP. Drop in on Friday evenings between 21.00 and 23.00 to light a candle, pray and reflect.



Music for Mothers

Join the dynamic voices of Corra Sound
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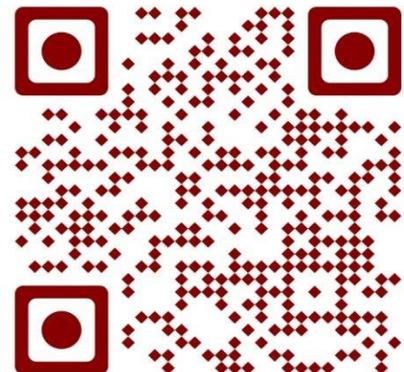


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