**CHRISTIAN AID 2021**

Hallfold URC has supported the work of Christian Aid for many years – up until last year we took part in the distribution and collection of donation envelopes in the Whitworth area. Due to the reduced numbers of people available to help and more recently the coronavirus pandemic, this is no longer possible.

But the work of Christian Aid (CA) continues, and they are asking for our help. The annual Christian Aid week will take place this year from 10-16 May. I have a number of copies of the Seven-day Devotional which CA have produced – this has information of the work of CA along with a daily bible text and prayer. If you would like a copy to use during the CA week, or any other time, then please let me know and I will post one to you.

Christian Aid has been working in Kenya since 1997 – the climate crisis is having a significant impact on Kenyan communities and the coronavirus pandemic has increased the urgent need for families to have access to a reliable source of water. CA is working with their long-standing partner, Anglican Development Services – Eastern (ADSE) to help vulnerable communities to become more resilient to the prolonged droughts and poor rains caused by the changing climate.

These people are living in poverty and are on the frontline of this climate chaos, losing food, water, homes and family. Each day they have to walk further, dig deeper and build stronger to survive. The information this year focuses on Rose Katanu Jonathan who is working alongside her community to clear weeds and rubbish from their dam.

Our donations can help to be a part of the solution – money gifts help build an earth dam which would help in providing a reliable source water.

Some of our church family donate to CA, some friends and neighbours of the church regularly send donations – a huge thank you for this. Last year our Advent Charity supported CA and more recently the sale of Easter chicks provided a donation. All of this is much appreciated by the charity. I hope to raise funds later in the year by having a quiz event. If anyone has a CA home money box or wishes to make a donation to CA, they can do this individually on-line, or I can send it for you – please contact me and I will help you.

Thank you for your continued support for Christian Aid.

Brenda

Great God,
Who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens
Hear the cry of the people
Who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair
Hear the cry of the people
Seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes submerged
Hear the cry of the people,
When creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance
Give us hope, grant us salvation,
Give us a new relationship with creation
With reverence to tend this gift from You
And say once again of the earth and all you created
It is GOOD.