



Weekly News

10th May 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Christian Aid Week starts today!

10th – 16th May 2020

Each year, Christian Aid Week brings together tens of thousands of committed volunteers across the UK and

Ireland to raise millions of pounds in support of people living in poverty, injustice and inequality across the world. Not surprisingly, the coronavirus situation has meant that much of this usual fundraising cannot go ahead for Christian Aid Week 2020.

With this in mind, Christian Aid has developed a variety of ways to inspire people to fundraise and connect with their community, while respecting social distancing measures. With daily quizzes and live-streamed worship, supporters can be involved from their own homes and could also take part in the 300,000 steps in May challenge which will be run through Facebook or send an electronic donation envelope - an 'e-Envelope' – to ask friends and family for a donation. Visit christianaid.org.uk to find out more.

There are still ways you can donate to Christian Aid this week: you can set up an online direct debit or make a one off donation on [this page](#) of their website or call **020 7523 2269** to donate by phone.

Christian Aid is working with some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities in the world to help them stay safe during the coronavirus pandemic. This includes the Rohingya in refugee camps in Cox's Bazaar in Bangladesh – like this grandmother and grandson in Jamtoli camp. Find out more about that work on the next page.



Christian Aid's work with Rohingya refugees

Christian Aid has been working with Rohingya men, women and children since they were forced to flee Myanmar three years ago. They have been providing humanitarian assistance to 150,000 Rohingya refugees and 50,000 host communities in Cox's Bazaar in Bangladesh. Working with other agencies, they have been providing critical support covering health, water and sanitation, food and shelter for both those living in the refugee camps and their host communities.



Living in a refugee camp is already challenging at the best of times. Camps are overcrowded and lack proper hygiene which increases the potential for the rapid spread of the coronavirus. Across the refugee camps, 80% of families report having at least one person with a serious illness requiring medical treatment. In addition, 80% of families report having problems with their temporary shelters and only 67% report having soap. The coronavirus pandemic compounds the situation and puts their lives at increased risk. The first case of Covid-19 in the camps was reported on 25th March 2020.

All non-essential visits to the camps have been suspended – but the work continues. Christian Aid has an office in Cox's Bazaar and in Camp 15 with a large warehouse. There is a team of 25 experienced and skilled national staff working together with local NGO partners (Dustha Shasthya Kendra and Dhaka Ahsania Mission) to ensure the response is effective, particularly in the areas of health, water and sanitation.

To prevent the spread of the virus they are:

- Raising awareness of the virus and sharing hygiene messages to people in the camps in their local Rohingya languages. The same is being done with the host communities through community volunteers and religious leaders. The staff are also using posters and sharing messages using megaphones.
- Helping doctors in the camps receive training so they can treat infected people and train other doctors in health facilities.
- Conducting door-to-door handwashing training sessions.

Christian Aid expects to train 85 – 100 healthcare staff on infection, prevention and disease control. They are also ensuring healthcare staff are equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE) and that handwashing stations are available at the entrances to 10 health facilities and throughout the camps.

They urgently need your help to support their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Please give what you can today.

Readings for Sunday 10th May

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The Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

Old Testament Genesis 8 v 1- 19

Gospel John 14 v 1 - 14

Epistle Acts 7 v 55 - 60



Harrogate in lockdown



Michael Bell has sent in some more great photos taken on his daily exercise walks round Harrogate. This is the *Spirit of Harrogate* shop on Montpellier Hill; someone has used the boarded-up window for an apt message of gratitude.



Michael took these pictures at the First World War memorial found where the Valley Gardens meet the Pinewoods. He was struck how the citation above the first one THEY DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE, echoed the shocking death rate recently amongst NHS staff, albeit in a different 'theatre', not of war, but of healthcare.



In Harrogate we are so blessed to have access to such beautiful places as the Valley Gardens (*above*) and West Park (*below*) to take our daily exercise in. Thank you for sharing these, Michael. If you have any photographs of 'life in lockdown', please send them to me, Marian Chambers, at marian.chambers41@gmail.com.



Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Nicky Aitken, Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Cathy Fuller, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, David Hipkin, Caroline Kelly, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** All healthcare workers
Producers and distributors of medicines and medical equipment
- Tues** All who are affected by Coronavirus COVID-19
Support and teaching staff in our schools
- Wed** Rough sleepers and the homeless
All who work in foodbanks
- Thurs** All our emergency services
Ambulance drivers and paramedics
- Fri** Those who are leading our nation
All our Members of Parliament
- Sat** Chris Clayton, our Curate
The work of Christian Aid

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. These are the Bible readings we will be using in Church each morning this week. Why not read them at home if you are unable to come to the service?

- Mon** Psalm 145
Numbers 9 v 15 to end;
10 v 33 to end
Luke 4 v 38 to end
- Tues** Psalm 19
Numbers 11 v 1 - 33
Luke 5 v 1 - 11
- Wed** Psalm 30
Numbers 12
Luke 5 v 12 - 26
- Thurs** *Matthias the Apostle*
Psalm 16
1 Samuel 2 v 27 - 35
Acts 2 v 37 to end
- Fri** Psalm 138
Numbers 14 v 1 - 25
Luke 6 v 1 - 11
- Sat** Psalm 146
Numbers 14 v 26 to end
Luke 6 v 12 - 26

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Love never fails.

Coronavirus impacts all of us.
But love unites us all.

Join us in prayer and action for our neighbours near and far.



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Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (17th May) will be noon on Wednesday 13th May. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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The Breakfast Club, which provides a free, takeaway breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) is for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot takeaway **Sunday Lunch** is available at St Peter's Church each week from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot takeaway food, tins and whatever else we have to give away is from 4:00 – 5:00 pm every day.

Financial Giving

If you would like to support us financially at this difficult time, please use these bank details to contribute by BACS:

St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate
account at Natwest Bank PLC

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website. **THANK YOU!**