

Dear all,

This Sunday marks the start of Christian Aid Week 2022. With our headlines being dominated by the war in Ukraine, as well as issues nearer to home, it is easy to forget the needs of the poorest and most marginalised around the world – those who don't feature in, or have dropped out of the news.

Here is the link to this year's appeal: [Christian Aid Week 2022 - Christian Aid](#)

Our local appeal organiser, Dorothy Harriss has sent the following email:

This year, although house to house collections are allowed again, I can't find enough collectors to make organising one viable any more. Most comment on the number of people who don't have cash available, preferring to do all transactions with a contactless card.

For this reason, on behalf of the Deepings Christian Aid Group, which comes under the umbrella of Churches Together in the Deepings, I have set up an e-envelope via Christian Aid to collect donations which will be credited to the Deepings Group. This was very successful last year, but I'm ambitious and would like to see it do even better this year!

The need is great, as countries in drier parts of the world have been suffering drought over a period of years, exacerbated by climate change, and are crying out for drought resistant seeds, training in water management and other tips on how to make the most of what they have. These are hardworking small farmers, already doing all they can for themselves who need extra support. Your donation can make a real difference today and you have a choice of methods to achieve that.

This is the direct link to the e-envelope. Simply click on it and follow the instructions to make your donation.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/deepings-christian-aid-group?channel=copy>

You can go to the Facebook page of St Guthlac's Church, where you will be able to click on the link directly to the e-envelope and make a donation with your card.

The lectionary readings for Sunday are: Genesis 22:1-18; Acts 11: 1-18; and John 13: 31-35. The Psalm is Psalm 148.

The hymns for the service are We bring you, Lord (no video found), Forgive us Lord (again no video found), and [When I Needed a Neighbour \(7vv\) \[with lyrics\] - YouTube](#) (performed by the writer, Sidney Carter).

Anglican Chant [Psalm 148 \(Anglican Chant\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

The Sons of Korah version [Psalm 148 Sons of Korah - YouTube](#)

Could this be how it sounded when written, 3000 years ago? [The Original 3000 Year Old Melody of Psalm 148 - Revealed? - YouTube](#)

And a version by a (very young) Leonard Bernstein [Leonard Bernstein: Psalm 148 - YouTube](#)

Anthems suggested for the theme include:

[Arvo Pärt, The Beatitudes - YouTube](#)

[Give almes of thy goods - YouTube](#) Christopher Tye

[Introit - "Give me Justice" - YouTube](#) James MacMillan

The publisher CPO (Christian Publishing & Outreach) have produced a book commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They describe it thus...

Superbly produced and sensitively written, this 64-page gift book includes many rarely seen photographs from the Queen's early life through to the present day, as well as prayers from a book of devotions given to the Queen to use in the days leading up to her coronation. It provides a powerful witness to the Queen's enduring Christian faith and will be a real asset to help you reach your communities during this Platinum Jubilee year.

I will happily order copies for anyone who would like one. Please let me know by Sunday 22nd May. Cost will be dependent on how many copies we order. They will cost £6 each. If we order 6 or more copies, the cost will be £3 each. Should we reach 26+, they will be £2.50 each. All these prices include p&p.

You may look here for further details: [Z4332BT - Our Faithful Queen Book - Catherine Butcher : Featured - Queen's Jubilee :: Christian Publishing and Outreach \(CPO\)](#)

In addition to Christian Aid week, Greenpeace are holding 'The Big Plastic Count' from 16th - 22nd May. They are encouraging people to sign up and count the amount of plastic they throw away over the days of the count. The aim is to have empirical evidence to present to government regarding the amount of plastic that we use, and waste.

Kate Drewett and I would both strongly encourage you to take part in this. It may come as a shock! Both the 5th Mark of Mission of the Church of England, and our EcoChurch commitment encourage us to be involved in environmental issues, not just as a church, but also as individuals.

Copies of the count sheet can be found at the back of church.

[Sign up | The Big Plastic Count](#)

We are also coming up to this year's *Thy Kingdom Come* period – from Ascension to Pentecost (26 May – 5 June). I have copies of the study notes for this year – on 1 Peter, prepared by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The cost is £2, including postage. I also have, for the same price, copies of the accompanying Prayer Journal, which encourages us to follow a disciplined time of prayer over the period, and to reflect upon it.



There is also a children's book in the Cheeky Pandas range, celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. These are free, but I only have 10 copies.



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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