

## **Please support Christian Aid Week "virtually" in 2020 ! Your Gifts will save lives**

Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all. Now is the time to reach out to our neighbours near and far.

Poor communities are hit hardest by coronavirus. It's affecting families living in overcrowded refugee camps, and many vulnerable people who have no water to clean their hands.

With your support, Christian Aid can limit the impact of the virus, with life-saving soap and water in Nigeria and Bangladesh.

In recent years supporters at .....have joined with other church volunteers around Stourbridge to raise over £13,000 towards Christian Aid's life saving and life enhancing work in developing countries around the world. In 2019 Christian Aid nationally raised £8 million in Christian Aid Week.

This year, we cannot, of course, collect House to House or in the Town Centre or hold a Book Sale to raise much needed funds during this world wide pandemic.

### **But we can still Act, Pray and Give in Christian Aid Week 2020 !**

#### **Act**

Please ask your families, friends, church communities and others to make a special donation to Christian Aid to save lives in developing countries at this time of Coronavirus.

Visit the Christian Aid website (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/virtual-fundraisers>) to join in with their fun daily quiz to raise funds.

Can you set yourself a challenge and ask your church members, family and friends to sponsor you? Or would you like to consider donating the money you have saved by not being able to go out for coffees, drinks, meals, casual shopping etc. during the lockdown?

Other ideas very welcome!

#### **Pray**

Join the Stourbridge Joint Virtual Christian Aid Week Service at 6.30pm on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> lead by the Reverend John Flitcroft at St Mary's, Oldswinford. (we will circulate joining details later)

Visit the Christian Aid website (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/virtual-fundraisers>) to join their daily worship and reflections

Pray for Christian Aid Partners in Bangladesh, who are helping Rohingya refugees living in overcrowded camps to understand the risks

and take precautions by sharing hygiene messages in their local languages and offering handwashing sessions.

Pray for partners in Nigeria who are working to ensure that safe distributions of food can continue for displaced people living in camps.

#### **Give**

By visiting the Christian Aid website : [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) ; the Stourbridge Christian Aid Just Giving web site : [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ctis](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ctis)

Phone 0207 5232269 but this line is minimally staffed. Please do not send donations by post as Christian Aid are unable to take donations by mail.