

The Parish of Halas

Together in Christ

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Dear Friends,

We hope and pray that you are keeping safe and well. If you're not, or are in any way struggling in these strange, dark and uncertain times, please, please get in touch with us should you wish to.

Christian Aid Week, 10th-16th May

Christian Aid Week begins tomorrow. We are aware that many in our own country - including our churches - will struggle to make ends meet this year. Nonetheless we feel that doing Christian Aid Week this year, albeit in a different way, is a moral obligation. Christian Aid work in many places in our world where there is already significant and terrible hardship which Covid 19 may seriously exacerbate; and in helping sustainable development in many places, development which may well be jeopardised by Covid 19.

Clearly we will not be able to have a house to house collection this year for Christian Aid. Nonetheless the Christian Aid Committee have been thinking through what we can do, in the hope that what we can do will both raise much-needed funds and awareness of the work of Christian Aid throughout our world. There will be three ways in which you and others may wish to help to raise funds:

Big Breakfast: please prepare your favourite breakfast! Then take a picture of it - maybe with a recipe or menu - or just a description and send it to parishoffice@halasteam.org.uk over the course of the week. The photos will be put up on the Halas Team website. Competitive breakfasting and presentation will of course be encouraged! When you realise how much your breakfast would have cost in a café or restaurant then please consider making a donation to Christian Aid on their website Christianaid.org.uk. Please do invite family and friends to join in too.

Quiz Night: please join us for a light hearted, short quiz on Saturday 16th May at 7:30pm to support the work of Christian Aid. You can access the quiz via the Christian Aid page now on the website. There will be an option to donate. Again, please pass this invite on to any of your friends or family who might like to join in.

Please do join in with these! They will be fun and a good way of us being together when we have to be physically apart, as well as hopefully raising much-needed funds.

But if you'd rather just donate then please make a donation at christianaid.org.uk. If you're receiving this as a posted letter then feel free to keep your enclosed envelope until we are in a position to collect them.

Your thoughts

As we approach Ascension-tide we thought it might be good to ask whether you have any thoughts on what Holy Week and Easter have meant to you in this present time. For example: How has Easter been different and what has been hard and what helpful? What has Christ's passion and resurrection meant to you in this time? Has this year given you new insights into the meaning of Easter?

More details to follow next week - this is just a heads-up to have a think and a pray.

May God bless you during this coming week.

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