

Christian Aid



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Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives. Christian Aid has a vision - an end to poverty - and we believe that vision can become a reality.

The Church and Society group are responsible for the organisation of the Christian Aid week collection in May and also represent the URC on the Chandler's Ford Christian Aid committee under the leadership of Brian Ridsdale. Our aim is to give Christian Aid a consistently high profile amongst our local churches and hopefully in the wider community. Christian Aid also responds to global emergencies as they arise. The focal point of the year is Christian Aid week in May when we aim to cover house to house collections as widely as possible in our area. In 2015 the Churches in Chandler's Ford raised £10,887.41 – a little down on last year. This money will make a huge difference to people living in poverty and conflict. We are very grateful to the loyal group of collectors. Each year in November Christian Aid holds a quiz evening which raises money for the Christmas appeal which benefits from the UK Aid match. This means that every pound raised was supplemented by a pound by the Government. The URC team won the Quiz – well done! In May, once again Christian Aid organised an inter church football tournament which was thoroughly enjoyed by the teams and spectators and also raised valuable funds.

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