

After VE Day - Christian Aid Week

I am English. I hate asking people for money – but this is so important I am going to do just that right now.

Children in Cuddington have just climbed Everest!

They have done so by are climbing stairs in their homes. They set themselves this challenge so to encourage you to [give to Christian Aid](#).

The pandemic has hit everyone everywhere in the world. In Africa the reported deaths are few, but that is mainly because they don't have the systems in place to test. Some of you will know that I lived in Africa for 7 years and yesterday I phoned a friend of mine – Bishop Dickson Chilongani.

When I rang him, he was about to attend another funeral. Just like us there are a lot more funerals going on. Just like us, Corvid is just one of his problems. Across Africa there are huge infestations of insects eating vital crops, and in Kenya there are drastic floods as a result of climate change.

Then a friend from DR Congo rang me. They have a new influx of internal migrants fleeing ongoing violence and they need tents and basic equipment so they can host them. The need is huge and he helps in the short term and gives trauma counselling so people can recover in the long-term.

[Christian Aid helps with the urgent, the long-term, and in advocacy.](#)

Urgent needs are at the door of so many and help is required. Christian Aid is a brilliant organisation to help. They snap into action and work with great partners.

Many of the problems are **long-term**. Christian Aid is fantastic at listening to local communities and not just putting in sort term aid – they enable local people to find their own long-term solutions. Look at [this video](#). This is a typical project driven by local need, involving local people and producing great results.

The problems are huge and need governments to work together. Christian Aid is an essential **advocacy** group, trusted by governments and able to represent local need.

[What about VE Day?](#)

We celebrated freedom last week just like in 1945. Then our nation needed rebuilding and you might think that they would have been right to ignore the needs in Africa and Asia. BUT it was then that Christian Aid was founded. British people saw the need at home and abroad. We founded the NHS out of our taxes, and we sent help to people across the globe through Christian Aid.

Please give.

Please do something else – ask others to give.

Normally we can put envelopes through doors anomalously, but we can't do that this year. Please find a way to direct your friends and family to the [Giving Page](#). Please do it.