

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: MAY 10-16. UPDATE (20 April 2021)**

Because of current national guidelines we have had to postpone the ecumenical service scheduled for the United Church on Sunday 9 May, the Christian Aid Market on Wednesday 12 May and house-to-house collections.

We have re-scheduled the **service for 17 October at 4 pm** and the **Market on 16 October** when, hopefully, our activities will be less restricted and they can run more closely to what was the norm before the pandemic.

Because we have had to abandon house-to-house collections we will have to rely very heavily on contributions in envelopes on the seats or on-line. If you would like to donate on-line then please contact [info@christian-aid.org](mailto:info@christian-aid.org) for details about giving and claiming gift aid.

The **annual collection in South Street (on Friday, 14 May)** will still go ahead but using collecting buckets on the pavement rather than collection tins and with collectors wearing masks. We do need volunteers to help with this so if you feel you could give an hour during the day at some time between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm we would be very grateful. Please contact Tony Boyden if you are willing to help on [anthony\\_boyden@talktalk.net](mailto:anthony_boyden@talktalk.net) or on 07881 464790.

We hope another important fund raiser this year will be the **Walk to the River Jordan**, an eight mile walk from **St Peters Church to Bowleaze Cove** starting at **9.30 am on Saturday, 15 May**. We would be delighted to see as many people as possible sponsored to support Christian Aid or just coming along for the enjoyment of the walk. Further details and sponsor forms are from [anthony\\_boyden@talktalk.net](mailto:anthony_boyden@talktalk.net) or 07881 464790. Or even if you are unable to join us Christian Aid has suggested other forms of sponsorship: e.g. a 100,000, 200,000 or 300,000 step challenge for May, perhaps, or covering a virtual distance in miles over the month for instance between Dorchester and London.

There is also a **quiz** scheduled and further details will be available on the church website or during May services.

The **recipe book** is now at the printing stage. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed. Across the churches we had over fifty contributors and over a hundred different recipes!

Grateful thanks too to all those who responded to our **Covid-19 jobs campaign**.

John Parson (Senior Steward)

Tony Boyden (Chair Christian Aid)