

Christian Aid at Christmas 2018

Christmas Appeal

Our Christmas Appeal this year is for peace-making work across the world. One of the projects is giving expert psychological help to children traumatised by conflict in Syria. You can read their stories, see a 1-minute video, download and order resources here.

www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal

One of the resources is a dove decoration to hang up at home or in church. Cut it out, put it together, and add one of Bishop Paride's 28 words for peace. Bishop Paride is a Peace Activist from South Sudan. You can see his 28 words for peace here. www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=G3-dwZFpm4E



You can also use one of Bishop Paride's words in your churches to make pledges for peace in your own lives this Advent. The Bishop of Chester the Rt Revd Peter Forster is pictured with his pledge of 'patience'. To join in with other supporters around the country, take a photo and post it on social media using the hashtag #WeArethePeacemakers. Rowan Williams is also taking part – can we create a national movement of people pledging for peace this Christmas?



Charity Gifts

Christian Aid has a range of charity gifts, including 5 mosquito nets for £15, a nanny goat for £22 or a pair of chickens for £8. Take a look...

https://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk/?_ga=2.77973908.1060750923.1543320715-331559747.1537656878



100-Mile Sponsored Walk

Tetbury Christian Aid Group is organising a 100-mile walk between 12-20 January 2019 to raise money for refugees and internally displaced people, walking about 12 miles each day. Would you like to join us for a day or more of the walk? Find out more here ...

www.justgiving.com/campaign/hundred-mile-walk

Arms Sales Campaign Action

Our Christmas Appeal is to help people recovering from violence and conflict worldwide through the work of strong women and men determined to heal their communities. But we also need to challenge those who are *breaking* peace. In Yemen half the population is on the brink of famine due to the attacks and fighting. According to the United Nations, 400,000 children are on the cusp of dying from hunger, 15,000 more than last year. What the country needs most right now is an immediate end to the fighting. Yet the UK continues to sell arms to the Saudi-led coalition carrying out indiscriminate attacks on civilians there.

Christian Aid is asking churches to sign a Christmas card (attached) to Jeremy Hunt, the UK's Foreign Secretary, calling on him to suspend UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia immediately, and work with all parties to cease hostilities and allow humanitarian access to those most in need. The request is then to take a picture of themselves with the Christmas Card and send the picture back to our campaigns team (campaigns@christian-aid.org) along with any messages and the number of people who have signed the card so the team can then compile the images and numbers and send them on to Government.

Thanks!

For more information about any of these do contact me

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