



## Central Solihull Churches Christian Aid Committee

### SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID

It is pleasing to be able to report that from across the churches of central Solihull we have raised £10,579.09 over the past twelve months in various ways.

£7,771.25 has come from the house-to-house collection during Christian Aid Week in May. The rest is the proceeds of the Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning (£2232), held at the Methodist Church, and other events and collections in the churches through the year.

We face a number of challenges in our supporting activities - a growing reluctance to 'door knocking', secure apartment blocks and the many other calls upon our charitable giving. However, we can be thankful to God for the privilege of supporting those who face much greater challenges in their day-to-day living around the world, through the work of Christian Aid and its many partners in 39 different countries.

Locally in Solihull we have two particular needs if we are to continue our co-ordinated work for Christian Aid:

- **We seek a co-ordinator for the Coffee Morning/Sale** held at the beginning of Christian Aid Week in the Methodist Church Hall. This is a matter of heading a team of volunteers who provide the various stalls and the refreshments etc. We express our gratitude to Derek Giles who has done this for the past three years. He will pass on the knowledge of his experience to anyone who will volunteer.
- **We also seek a Finance Co-ordinator.** We are grateful to Emma Wheatley who has fulfilled this role for a few years. The role is one of maintaining the accounts, but with no responsibility for bank accounts. The proceeds from the coffee-morning stalls are sorted and banked, while the paying-in of door-to-door proceeds is largely done directly by collectors with the paper-work being done by the Co-ordinator. Reports are made to the borough-wide Christian Aid Treasurers group (which meets twice per year) and to the regional office.

Our Committee of Church Co-ordinators, with these other volunteer roles, meets twice a year in February and July.

If you feel able to respond to either of these needs, please contact either the Chair or Secretary (details below).

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