

This newsletter gives details of forthcoming events in Wimborne. Please show it to anyone who might be interested and email me with details of any others who would like to receive a copy.



Have you remembered our **Annual Quiz on Sunday 27th January at 7.30pm at Wimborne Methodist Church?** We hope you will be able to come along and join us, either as part of a team of 4 or just come and join a team on the night. There are prizes to be won, entry is free, donations welcome.



Very many thanks to all who supported our **Christmas Eve Bread and Soup Lunch**. Once again it proved very enjoyable and was so well attended that we ran out of soup soon after 1.00pm. The folk band helped to create the festive atmosphere - many thanks to Andy Jempson for organising this - and there was even dancing in Church House - whatever next? Why not come on 24th December next year and discover? There was, of course, a more serious side to the lunch and we were able to raise around £380 for Christian Aid thanks to the generosity of all who were there.



We have an exciting programme for February and March, starting with an evening meeting on **Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm** in the hall at St Catherine's Roman Catholic Church in Lewens Lane BH21 1LE. **Fiona Daborn**, Regional Co-ordinator for Christian Aid in Dorset, will talk on "**Christian Aid: Building a Better World All Together**", giving an overview of Christian Aid's work with some of the most vulnerable people on this planet to improve their prospects for the future.



We hope you will be able to come and learn more about Christian Aid. All are welcome.

Sierra Leone is one of the most dangerous places on earth to give birth, with more than 1000 mothers dying per 100,000 live births. Women are dying because of long distances to health centres, poor facilities, inadequate training for delivery assistants and lack of strength of under-nourished mothers. Sierra Leone is the focus for Christian Aid Week this year and we are very fortunate to be able to welcome

Joanna Tom-Kargbo, a Senior Programme Officer based in **Christian Aid's office in the capital Freetown**.

Joanna works on health projects there, is a trained nurse and has 10 years' experience of working. She says "*Communities in Sierra Leone see a woman dying in childbirth as the will of*

God. But this is unacceptable. We are rebuilding health centres and improving hygiene and medical training and we are giving hope to all those expectant mums who have lived with such fear. I am looking forward to meeting supporters in Dorset and across the South West



A new clinic in Sawula, Serra Leone

to share with them how their contributions are making such a difference".

We are certainly looking forward to meeting her and I hope you will join us on **Saturday March 16th at 10.30am** in Wimborne to learn more about her work in Sierra Leone. The venue has not been fixed, so please look at the next newsletter for details.

Finally, our popular **Lent Lunches** will be at **Wimborne Methodist Church at 12.15pm on Tuesdays in Lent** (please note different day this year), **starting on 12th**

March. All very welcome. Come any time between 12.15pm and 1.30pm for bread, cheese and fruit, and there will be a short 'Thought for the Day' around 12.45pm. The lunch is free but we welcome any donations and we hope you will be able to come.



Thank you once again for all your support for Christian Aid, and please get in touch if you would like more details of any of these events and activities.

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