



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.

A reminder that **Christian Aid Week** runs from **14th to 20th May** and will focus on refugees. We are planning the following:-

St Michael's Church, Colehill is dedicating their **All Age Service on Sunday 7 May at 9.30am** to Christian Aid and have invited Robert Pearce to speak. All are very welcome.



There will be a **Christian Aid Service at Wimborne Methodist Church on Sunday 14th at 10.30am**

and all are very welcome. The speaker will be Irwin Buchanan from International Care Network (ICN), a Bournemouth-based charity that provides a warm welcome for members of the refugee and migrant communities, helping them to overcome obstacles in settling here. They are offered advice and support on immigration and employment, and help in finding accommodation. They are also offered English classes for those who are not able to access mainstream education.



We hope you will be able to support our **Coffee and Cup Cake Stall on Wednesday 17th May from 10.00am to 12.00noon outside Church House** when we offer cup cakes in return for donations. Many thanks to those who have already offered to provide cakes, and if you too would like to help in this way please contact Robert Pearce on 886651.



We will also need help on Wednesday in consuming the cakes, so please come along between 10 and 12 if you can. An opportunity not to be missed!

In 2015-16, Christian Aid raised more than £11 million through Christian Aid Week, and this is amplified in a number of ways. The commitment shown by so many supporters and contributors makes it much easier to raise further income from grant-giving bodies, and the publicity during the Week raises awareness and boosts regular giving. Last year we raised over £6,400 locally, which was increased by another £500 through Gift Aid. We are hoping to improve this year and are planning two collections during the week:-

On **Friday 19th we will be collecting in Wimborne Town Centre** from 9.00am to 4.00pm. If you are able to help by holding a tin for an hour, please let me know.

As usual, our main activity is the **House-to-House collection** which takes place throughout the week. We try to cover most of the streets in Merley, Wimborne and Colehill but there are significant gaps and it would be wonderful if some of these could be filled. We would like to recruit 60 people, one for each year since the first Christian Aid Week, with each delivering and collecting just 20 envelopes. Robert Pearce asked for volunteers at the Lent Lunches, and I'm very pleased to report that some new collectors have already been recruited. If you are one of these, thank you very much for helping in this way. However, we still need more to reach our target, so please will those of you not already involved consider volunteering. Let me know if you are able to help or would like more details.

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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