

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year, and welcome to the first update for Christian Aid's activities in Lincolnshire.

### **Christian Aid Week - why bother?**

Here in the East Midlands we are organising a series of inspirational meetings to explore the huge potential of Christian Aid Week 2009, and everything we can do to make it enjoyable and successful. This is a great opportunity for networking, inspiration and information. You are warmly invited to come yourself and to extend the invitation to friends or acquaintances from your church and neighbourhood.

The dates and venues are as follows:

**Dinner in Nottingham:** Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm, Life @ the Centre, 22 Lower Parliament St, NG1 3DA

**Breakfast in Grimsby:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9.30am, St James' Centre, St James' Square, DN31 1EP

Places are limited, so please book early! Contact the Christian Aid office on 01530 417522 or [ashby@christian-aid.org.uk](mailto:ashby@christian-aid.org.uk) as soon as possible.

### **Climate Change Day of Action! 19<sup>th</sup> March 12:00 - 4.30pm, Coventry Cathedral**

As part of Christian Aid's climate change campaign, *Countdown to Copenhagen*, we are hosting a **Day of Action**. The day will begin with a joint service with CAFOD in Coventry Cathedral, with a keynote speech from the world-renowned NASA scientist James Hansen. Then join us for a carnival parade in Coventry city centre with the Stop Climate Chaos coalition. Finally, we will travel to the headquarters of E.ON, the company behind the proposed Kingsnorth coal-fired power station, where you can let your voice be heard saying 'NO to coal'.

Please consider bringing a group from your church to support this vital cause and join with Christian Aid supporters all round the nation.

There is no charge for attending the service in Coventry Cathedral, but it is a ticketed event, so do not miss out.

Email [campaigns@christian-aid.org](mailto:campaigns@christian-aid.org) or call 0207 523 2264 to book tickets now.

### **Speakers for Christian Aid Week**

Please consider inviting one of us or a volunteer to speak at your church or community group between now and Christian Aid Week, which is 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May. It's important to get people thinking and motivated in advance, so that they are prepared to get involved during the actual week. Just ring the East Midlands office on 01530 417522 or email us on [ashby@christian-aid.org.uk](mailto:ashby@christian-aid.org.uk) so that we can help to make your church service or event as passionate and effective as possible.

### **Magazine editors**

We are thinking about helping church and community magazine editors to fill their pages by sending out a weekly e-mail to publicise Christian Aid events and activities. If you know of any editors or colleagues who would like to receive this kind of e-mail please let us have their e-mail addresses so we can add them to the list.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

To help promote fair-trade fortnight (23<sup>rd</sup> February-8<sup>th</sup> March) you are invited to an evening with Harriet Lamb the director of the Fairtrade Foundation to hear about her book and the work of the foundation there will be an opportunity to ask Harriet your questions. This will be held at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, please contact the East Midlands office 01530 417522 or [rbeverl@christian-aid.org](mailto:rbeverl@christian-aid.org) for more details, tickets will be available soon.

Thank you for all you continue to do for Christian Aid. Without your support our partners around the world would not be able to continue their essential life-changing work. If you no longer wish to receive this e-mail, please do let me know.

Best wishes,

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Do you believe in a world free from the poverty and injustice caused by climate change?

**Act now** and take the [Copenhagen pledge](#)