

CHRISTIAN AID SCOTLAND AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Harvest of Hope – South Sudan

The climate crisis is making it harder than ever for families to grow food. In countries like South Sudan, flooding and unpredictable seasons are destroying harvests, leaving farming families struggling to feed their children.

But hope is growing.

This Harvest, your church can stand in solidarity with farming communities protecting their land, strengthening their livelihoods and planting seeds of hope for the future. [Find out how you can be part of this call to Give, Act, Pray for South Sudan](#)

We also have a [Christian Aid Harvest Messy Church resource](#). Explore how God call us to be stewards to those around us and how harvest is about abundant sharing and giving.

South Sudan Partner Visit to Scotland 18-22 October

Rev Tut Nuguo from the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan and James Wani Christian Aid's lead in South Sudan will be visiting Scotland – Please look out for the events we will be hosting to hear about the reality of life in this forgotten region and about the work of Christian Aid and the Churches in advocating for the humanitarian needs of the people as well as peace building in this young country.

Time to Act – Just Peace Coalition

The situation in Palestine has gone beyond urgent. Whether you, or your church are looking to take a first step or are seasoned campaigners, the Just Peace Coalition, which Christian Aid supports welcomes you. Follow the link below to find information and resources for you to act in solidarity with our Palestinian sisters and brothers.

[Home - Just Peace Coalition](#)

The cost of education

After a summer of sun and sport, Scotland's pupils and teachers have gone back to school. But while education is free for all in the UK, it comes at a cost in some of the poorest countries. Find out more at:

www.christianaid.org.uk/news/campaigns/what-price-education

Prayers for Peace in the Middle East 24 September 7 pm Stirling

Our monthly times of reflection will resume in September. We will hear from Rev Mark Slaney, President of the Methodist Conference and Chair of the Scotland District, who has visited the Holy Land this year. This Prayers for Peace will be both in person at Stirling Methodist Church and live streamed. [To join these reflective monthly meetings, find out more on our website.](#)

Green Investment Roadshow, Edinburgh 2 October

Join us at Augustine United Church, along with Operation Noah, Just Money Movement, Hope for the Future and Eco Congregation Scotland to explore how to make church finances work for climate, nature and social justice.

[Order tickets – Green Investment Roadshow, Edinburgh – Augustine United Church](#)

When debt comes first, people come last

In Kenya over, 60% of the government's annual income is spent on paying debt interest. There is little money left to invest in healthcare and education or on vital climate resilience. **Across the global South, the financial and human impacts of the climate and debt crises are colliding to trap millions of people in poverty.**

Find out how you can stand up to reckless polluters and greedy lenders. Read more in our [briefing](#). And [download our church campaign action pack to call for debt justice](#)

Prayer Points for August

- Pray for Christian Aid's trusted local partners active in Caracas and La Guaira, the epicentre of the Venezuela Earthquake, who are responding to not only the emergency needs of so many people but also their trauma, grief and fears for the future;
- Give thanks for all who have supported the DEC and Christian Aid's Venezuela Appeal and help us not to forget the ongoing needs and suffering of our sisters and brothers in this region;
- As wildfires continue to rage at home and across Europe, we are acutely reminded that climate change is a global reality. We pray for Christian Aid's work for climate justice and support for climate resilience in places like Kenya, South Sudan and Bangladesh who are and have been suffering the devastating effects of climate change in their lives for years.