



Opportunities to help...

Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May will soon be here!

The week will begin with the Christian Aid joint service at All Saints church, **Sunday 9 May at 6pm.**

Your help is as vital as ever. Coronavirus and the increasing effects of climate change, pose even greater challenges in the areas of the world where Christian Aid and its partners work. The focus this year is on water shortages in rural Kenya and how it affects the lives of [Rose](#) and [Florence](#). Here at home we are constrained in what it is possible to do as we emerge from lockdown. **But there are plans afoot!**

Following on from last year's success, Lesley and 5 more of the Kingston clergy are again striding out on our behalf – this time carrying buckets of water in a daily circuit round Kingston! A grand finale will take place in Clarence Street on Saturday, 15 May at 12.30pm. Please support their efforts by making donations on our [Just Giving page](#).

You might also like to donate to Christian Aid as way of **giving thanks for your job!** Thanks to the scientists, volunteers and medics who have made the UK vaccination programme possible. People in poor countries deserve a job too.

Of course, donations by cheque are welcome as usual and may be sent to Sue Watts or Ray Charlton. (Please make cheques out to Kingston Christian Aid Committee) If you would like to GiftAid your contribution, please let us know and we can send you a GiftAid counterfoil.

Would you be prepared in due course to tell friends and neighbours about this fund-raising challenge using social media, or by email? It would be wonderful if we could top Kingston's last year's total of £20,000.

House to house collection - envelopes will be delivered but donations will be handed to people who are able to act as a safe drop off point. We need volunteers to deliver envelopes, please.

Kingston Station collection - Thursday 13 May, 5-7pm

Quiz Night, via Zoom - Saturday 15 May, 7 for 7.30pm

Martin Luther's protest against the sale of 'indulgences' to absolve sin and his view that the Bible is the central religious authority and that humans may reach salvation only by their faith and not by their deeds, sparked the Protestant Reformation.

It is 500 years since the hearing at the [Diet of Worms](#) in 1521, when Luther refused to recant the religious views he had set out in his 95 Theses in 1517. The Edict of Worms, 26 May 1521, declared Luther to be 'an obstinate heretic' and banned the reading or possession of his writings.

Meanwhile, across the English Channel, [Henry VIII defended the practice of selling indulgences.](#) Henry rejected Martin Luther's theology of justification by faith alone but he did accept the German reformer's insistence upon the supremacy of Scripture. The 'Word of God' (Leviticus 20.21) had justified the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. Encouraged by Thomas Cromwell and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer of Canterbury, Henry authorised an English Bible that could be read by the laity as well as the clergy along the lines of Luther's German translation of the bible.

Have you have been thinking about church membership, being baptised or confirmed? If you would like to explore your ideas further please speak to Lesley.

What's on...?

Monday 26 April

- **9am and at 9.30pm BBC Radio4 - Start the Week. Personal faith and the Church.**
- **4.30pm BBC Radio4 – Beyond Belief. Dantes inferno.**

Tuesday 27 April 11am BBC Radio4 – Dare to repair 1/3 Why electronic gadgets don't last as long as they used to and why they are difficult to repair.

Friday 30 April

- **11am BBC Radio4 – Prison Break. 2/5 Who is prison for?**
 - **9pm BBC Radio4 – 39 Ways to save the Planet. 5 carbon-cutting ideas to combat climate change.**
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