

Christian Aid Scotland  
Annual Review 2016



We believe in life  
before death



'Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives.

Christian Aid has a vision – an end to poverty – and we believe that vision can become a reality'

# Welcome



**Christian Aid works in partnership with churches and all people of good will who believe poverty is an avoidable scandal that diminishes us all.**

Throughout 2016, you worked tirelessly to raise both money and awareness, sounding a radical call to action to bring justice and a just sharing of God's good gifts. Thank you for campaigning for climate and gender justice and for a welcome for refugees. By combining our voices and energy, we are working towards a future where all have what they need to flourish.

You have been passionate partners, supporting us through initiatives such as 'The Big Shift', 'Change the Story' and 'Side by Side', knocking on doors during Christian Aid Week, lighting the way with us at Christmas, planting seeds of hope at harvest and offering refuge at Easter.

As well as supporting our vital ongoing partnership work in 39 countries this year, you helped us respond quickly to humanitarian crises. Our Scotland-specific appeal for Malawi raised £130,000, with every penny match-funded by

the Scottish Government. When Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti with devastating effect, your generosity meant Christian Aid was there.


This is my first annual review since becoming Head of Christian Aid in Scotland and it has been an honour working with you and the team. I offer sincere thanks to my predecessor, Kathy Galloway, whose commitment to eradicating poverty inspired all who worked with her. Kathy's creativity, and her care for the Scotland team and Christian Aid supporters, is a legacy to be built on.

Thanks also to the Scotland Advisory Committee whose energy and insight are invaluable.

In 2017, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Christian Aid Week. Many of you have supported and volunteered with us throughout those 60 years. As we look back, may we also look forward, striving towards a world free from poverty, where all can live in safety and security. Grace and peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Foster-Fulton".

**Sally Foster-Fulton**  
Head of Christian Aid Scotland



'In the seven years I worked with Christian Aid, I came to a new appreciation of the commitment, creativity and sheer hard work of Christian Aid supporters.

'I've discovered that age is no barrier to idealism, or youth to effectiveness. I am moved that the ability to imagine themselves in the shoes of someone in deep distress, or of very poor communities who just need a bit of outside help to build a decent and dignified future, still inspires so many supporters and churches to reach out to their global neighbours. It is truly a gospel response of faith, hope and love.

'Thank you, goodbye, and many blessings to you all.'

**Kathy Galloway**  
Former Head of Christian Aid Scotland

# Another Way for Scotland

Throughout 2016, our work was guided by our strategy, **Partnership for Change**, which identifies five broad change objectives: **power to change institutions; the right to essential services; fair shares in a constrained world; equality for all; and tackling violence, building peace.**

**'Another world is not only possible, she is on her way'**

**Arundhati Roy**

Christian Aid Scotland has also been working under the banner of Another Way, which models an holistic approach to engaging with Christian Aid, moving along from charity to justice. Another Way has been a physical, as well as a philosophical, journey. This year, with groups, we've walked the four cardinal Munros, the West Highland Way and the Cape Wrath trail. Wendy Young, our Worship and Theology Partnerships Coordinator, walked from Glasgow to Ben Hope to raise money for our Refugee Crisis Appeal.

We launched three events: 'The Kelpies Canter'; the 'Power Walk'; and the 'In Memory Walk'. At the Kelpies, we joined with families to

learn about the importance of access to clean drinking water. At Whitelee Windfarm, we and a large group of supporters, saw for ourselves how climate change remains a priority. In September, we walked the Hillfoots Diamond Jubilee way in memory of loved ones.

In 2017, we'll continue to live, act and pray 'another way' until it impacts not just our giving but our daily lives. Keep an eye on our website for how you can get involved.



**The Kelpies Canter – one of three new Christian Aid Scotland events.**

# Church partnerships

**We work closely with our sponsoring churches, faith groups and interfaith groups to enhance our impact. Through the generosity of people and churches across Scotland and the UK and Ireland, we can support the work of our partners across the world.**

Through key moments in the church calendar, congregations and Christian Aid groups raise funds and awareness for our important work. Through prayer and action, they stand in solidarity with their global brothers and sisters.

**‘Thank you for engaging with issues that impact poverty, speaking out and acting for justice’**

We, and our trusty volunteers, have visited hundreds of Guilds across Scotland. At the Care for Creation Conference, organised by the Church of Scotland World Mission Council, Cecilia Cordova, our colleague from Bolivia, spoke about solar ovens and climate change.

Our Haiti exhibition, I Witness, has toured libraries and churches, bearing witness to our work there since the 2010 earthquake. The exhibition also explores the transformational work that legacy gifts make possible. Gifts left to Christian Aid in Wills over the financial year 2015/16 totalled nearly £1.5m. We are so grateful to those who have chosen to continue supporting and trusting Christian Aid’s work when they are no longer here.

Many individual churches have joined our community partnership programme, pledging to support a project for two or three years. Through this scheme, we have supported mothers in Malawi; farmers in India and Bangladesh; and women and girls in Ethiopia. Match funding from the Scottish Government ensures that generous donations from churches can reach even further.

Thank you for supporting our work over the year, engaging with issues that impact poverty, speaking out and acting for justice. We will continue to provide resources to ensure justice issues are considered in the worship and work of the church.



Christian Aid supporters enjoying a Big Brekkie fundraising event.

# Campaigning

**Christian Aid Scotland has worked with decision makers at home and abroad, throughout 2016, to address the root causes of poverty.**

In the run-up to May's Scottish Parliament elections we published our own manifesto recommendations and engaged with all parties to call for their implementation, with notable successes.

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**Anne Booth-Clibborn, Christian Aid supporter**

As part of the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland coalition, we helped win pledges from all party leaders to prioritise climate change. We won ongoing funding for Scotland's innovative and important Climate Justice Fund, plus support for Scotland's Development Education Centres.

The Scottish Government also committed to an annual report, often referred to as Policy Coherence for Development, which will summarise

the impact of all departments on international development. This is a real breakthrough in terms of a joined-up approach to tackling international poverty.

The power of campaigning was also evident in the announcement in June that Scotland had met its ambitious 2020 climate target (to reduce greenhouse gases by 42% from 1990 levels), six years ahead of schedule.

Campaigners kept up the pressure on MSPs and MPs in events in September and October, including mass lobbies and Speak Up events on climate change.

The Scottish Government is due to publish a Climate Plan early in 2017, which will outline actions to tackle climate change. It is expected that the Climate Plan will be followed by proposals for a new Climate Change Bill.

Christian Aid has been passionate about these issues for many years. Transformation happens slowly, but there are clear signs of progress.





Supporters joining the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland mass lobby of Holyrood in September.

**'Supporting politicians to push for higher targets, and lobbying when they don't, is important, but reining in our own lifestyles will speak just as loudly. Our brothers and sisters who have had least to do with climate change suffer most from the chaos it causes'**

**Sally Foster-Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland**

## **Anne's story**

Anne Booth-Clibborn has been a Christian Aid supporter since the birth of the organisation, 70 years ago. Kathy Galloway visited Anne to present her with a framed memento.

'I have been delighted with Christian Aid's campaigning work. Justice issues are fundamental to how we run our world; there's no point tinkering with sticking plasters if we're not getting to the root of these problems. Christian Aid has been a strong thread throughout my life.'



## **Climate change changes lives**



Jan Kairiel Cabalona, from the Philippines, attended the 2015 Paris climate change Conference of the Parties (COP).

'I'm here with an organisation from Leyte, Philippines, where the world's largest typhoon struck in November 2013. The world united for that catastrophic event.

'It is the responsibility of youth, not just to wait for the government or for NGOs to respond...we want to bring the voice of the youth, of the Typhoon Haiyan survivors, to a conference which promotes the implementation of the mitigation of climate change.'

Climate change changes lives. It's Jan's story, it's my story, it's your story.  
**#iamclimatechange**

## Gender justice

**Christian Aid has been involved in setting up Side-by-Side, the global movement for gender justice, and in February we met with our national partner churches to take this initiative forward in Scotland.**

Kathy Galloway, former Head of Christian Aid Scotland commented: 'Violence against women and girls is a global pandemic. In many countries there is a culture of impunity for those who carry out this kind of violence. It is seen as normal, acceptable, and even Christian churches very often hide, tolerate, perpetuate and even practise violence against women.'

During 2016, we led workshops on gender at the Church of Scotland National Youth Assembly; hosted a round table on power, gender and

inclusion; and marked 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. The highlight of this work was developing a biblical toolkit, with the Scottish Episcopal Church. Based on a resource developed by the Episcopal Church in Brazil, Loving One Another, seeks to help faith groups address gender inequality through a global lens.

Commenting on the toolkit, The Most Rev David Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, said: 'This booklet is intended to help us recognise that, for all of us in this society, this is 'our' problem. The material places gender-based violence in the context of our faith. To tackle such a serious denial of human rights is indeed a godly task.'



### **Elineide's story**

Reverend Elineide Ferreira de Oliveira is at the frontline of the fight against gender-based violence in Brazil. Moved by the domestic violence she witnessed against her sister, and empowered by her experience in the local church, Elineide runs the only safehouse in her state.

# Education

**In schools and churches locally, and across the world, Christian Aid has been reminding, and reminded, about making life fair for all.**

Christian Aid Scotland works with youth workers and educators to help children here understand the poverty and injustices in the lives of many children around the world. We support teachers and pupils to develop skills for life in a complex world.

In September, alongside the IDEAS (International Development Education Association of Scotland) network, we held a month-long celebration of global citizenship education and its importance within Curriculum for Excellence. A nationwide roadshow and parliamentary reception brought together MSPs, teachers, pupils and education officials to highlight work happening.

We also had a large presence at the Scottish Learning Festival where we talked to teachers about bringing the world into the classroom with topics such as the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

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In 2017, we're producing a resource with Oxfam for Modern Studies students, exploring models of aid, development, and Scotland's role in international development.

We also will be producing a new resource on climate change for primary schools, showing the impacts of climate change around the world and encouraging schools to take action.

The Christian Aid Collective in Scotland has grown from strength to strength in 2016 and continues to build a movement of young people and youth leaders to challenge the structures which create global inequality.

# christian aid



School children at Bonaly Primary School, Colinton, learning how a wormery can help a family grow food in flood-prone Bangladesh.

# Malawi appeal

**In July, Christian Aid Scotland launched an emergency appeal to help support communities in Malawi through a devastating drought that left 6.5 million people without access to enough food.**

Malawi faced its worst food crisis for a decade, following prolonged dry spells, erratic rainfall and devastating floods. Food reserves, farmland and crops were destroyed.

Our partners had very recently, with Scottish Government funding, provided solar irrigation systems enabling families to sow two harvests a year. The winter harvest was planted when the hunger hit.

Pansi Katenga, Christian Aid's Malawi Country Manager, based in the capital, Lilongwe, said: 'Christian Aid in Malawi has made many strides in tackling the root causes of poverty that plagues countless communities in our country.

'We need to provide immediate short-term support to people, until the harvest in three months' time, otherwise there's a real risk they could leave the crops and focus their attention on addressing their urgent day-to-day food needs.'

The response from churches and Christian Aid groups was incredible. Your efforts raised £130,000, match-funded by the Scottish Government. Your support has helped people like Fatima (pictured, right), who were on the verge of starvation.

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**Pansi Katenga, Christian Aid's Malawi Country Manager**



### **Fatima's story**

Fatima Baela, aged 43, is married, with five children.

She lives in Nsanje where Christian Aid's partner, Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD), began supporting some 1,000 female-headed households with small cash transfers in August. Severe drought stunted Fatima's maize crops. She and her husband took odd jobs, but the family survived on one meal a day, made from lily tubers.

As odd jobs grew scarce, Fatima didn't know how the family would survive. She thought her family would die of hunger.

'The cash transfer by CARD has transformed us. I received a monthly allowance of MK20,000 to buy a bag of maize, cooking oil and three packets of sugar. My family now eats three meals per day. This is a miracle to me. Thank you very much.'

# Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

**Violence is deepening in Gaza and the suffering of civilians is unimaginable.**

Christian Aid works with partners of all faiths and none, both Israeli and Palestinian, to work for a just peace for all people who call that land home.

Christian Aid Scotland is committed to the global ACT Alliance call to pray for our sisters and brothers in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory on the 24th of each month. On or around this day, in conjunction with the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church and the United Reformed Church, we facilitate a vigil or an event. Details of our monthly Prayers for Peace events are on our website.



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Pray not for Arab or Jew,  
for Palestinian or Israeli,  
but pray rather for  
ourselves,  
that we might not  
divide them in our prayers  
but keep them both  
together  
in our hearts.

When races fight

**Peace be amongst us**

When neighbours argue

**Peace be amongst us**

When nations disagree

**Peace be amongst us**

Where people struggle for  
justice

**Let justice prevail**

Where Christ's disciples  
follow

**Let peace be our way**

**Amen.**



## In Their Lifetime appeal

**Established in 2009, In Their Lifetime (ITL) brings together philanthropists, technical experts and grassroots organisations to support innovative approaches to tackling poverty.**

It involves 14 live projects, funded by more than 190 supporters across the UK, 38 from Scotland; it aims to raise £25m by 2020.



### David and Ruth Rogersons' story

David and Ruth Rogerson, from Falkirk, joined forces to swim and run their first marathon to raise funds for the ITL appeal.

David ran the Loch Ness Marathon in September, while his wife, Ruth, swam 26 miles over 21 weeks. Together they raised an incredible £7,000.

Ruth says: 'When we visited the ITL project in India in 2015, we found the farmers – or 'agripreneurs' as they were called – very inspiring. They were so enthusiastic and it was great to see young women from marginalised communities, who had been trained at the agricultural college, talking to groups of older men – and the men listening!'

# Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week 2016 focused on our Bangladesh partner, GUK, which works with the poorest, most marginalised people, such as Morsheda (pictured opposite).

It was a privilege for the Scotland Team to visit book sales and coffee mornings in churches throughout the country. Your generosity will enable families in Bangladesh to make life choices which will help break the cycle of poverty. Thank you.

## Christian Aid Week events 2016, in numbers:



Bridges crossed: **3**



Big Breakfast events: **60**



Age of oldest bridge crosser: **98**



Door-to-door collectors: **5,689**



Edinburgh book and art sale totals: **£120,000**



Christian Aid Week 2016 total: **£1,370,000**



Morsheda, living on a low-lying island in Bangladesh, prone to flooding, benefited from your generosity during Christian Aid Week 2016.

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## Theodor's story



Now aged 91, Theodor Davidovic will never forget what Christian Aid has done for him. Orphaned

at eight, he was a teenager during the Second World War and fought in the resistance movement in Serbia against Germany. But in the political chaos post-war, he fled his country, living in refugee camps in Germany and in Italy for two and a half years.

Sixty years on, Theodor has built a life in Scotland and is a life-long supporter and volunteer for Christian Aid Week in Scotland.

'It was Christian Aid who sent us care packages, Christian Aid who fed us, I will never forget it. That's why I volunteer for Christian Aid. The people then who were contributing through Christian Aid Week helped me survive. To Christian Aid, I promise that I will do my best, as long as I live, and I am still doing it.'

**In 2017, we celebrate 60 years of Christian Aid Week, our diamond anniversary.**

Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support our work with refugees in Europe in the aftermath of the Second World War.

Today, tens of millions of people across the globe are also fleeing their homes because of war, conflict and disaster, making dangerous journeys in search of safety. Theodor (pictured left) is just one of tens of thousands of Christian Aid Week volunteers from all over the UK. Christian Aid Week unites more than 20,000 churches determined to walk with our global neighbours in need. We won't turn our back on today's refugees. Sixty years on, we still believe in life before death.

Will you join us, whether by collecting house-to-house, sharing breakfast with your community, or holding a church collection? Be a diamond this Christian Aid Week.



Over the past 25 years, Christian Aid Scotland volunteer Gilbert Clark, 94, has raised thousands of pounds selling fruit and vegetables from his stall at St Columba's-by-the-Castle.

# Contact us

## Christian Aid Scotland has offices in Glasgow and Edinburgh:

### Glasgow (national office)

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The Perth office has closed, following the retirement of Carol Deuchars. We will continue to ensure consistent support for our churches and other partners through the Glasgow and Edinburgh offices.

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