

Christian Aid update

5th May 2010

Offa's Dyke Trek

Fancy a nice walk in the Welsh hills? Well, Christian Aid have got the perfect event for you. In June they are taking a group of people to walk Offa's Dyke on the Welsh/English border and you and your friends could join in. This midnight marathon will follow a 26-mile route along a famous section of the Offa's Dyke path. Starting at midnight, you will walk for 12-hours from south to north, across high wild moorland with attractive wide river valleys and ancient woodland. Passing through historic towns and isolated hamlets, taking in sights of hill forts, castles and abbeys this will be a weekend to remember.

All you need to do is visit the Christian Aid website and register to get started with your fundraising - <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/events/fundraising/trekking/offas-dyke-midnight-marathon-trek.aspx>

This is a fantastic opportunity to see some of England and Wales' most beautiful countryside and help fight poverty at the same time. So, why not register today and join Christian Aid on the Offa's Dyke trek in June.

Saturday 8th May

Loughborough Sponsored walk

9:30am for 20km walk, 10:30am for 10km walk

Meet at the Brush Bowls Club, Nanpanton Sports Ground, Watermead Lane, off Nanpanton Road. Join us for a sponsored walk around the Charnwood forest area, with two options of distance for the energetic and the not so energetic!

For more details please call Norman Revell on 01509 218886 or e-mail norman.revell@btinternet.com

Saturday 15th May

Christian Aid Coffee Morning (10 a.m. to 12 noon) at The Rothley Centre, Mountsorrel Lane, **Rothley** LE7 7PR.

Cakes & Preserves, Books & Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Raffle, Chocolate Fountain (with Fair Trade chocolate!), Children's Activity Room with Craft Competition.

Street Collection with Entertainment: starting at the **Rothley** Centre at 11:30 and moving to Cross Green from 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 15th May

Scoot for a Hoot

2pm Christian Aid Offices, The Moseley Complex, Derby Road, **Loughborough**

Come along and join in Loughborough's first motorised scooter games, or, if you don't have a scooter, come and cheer on the competitors and they attempt the course.

For more information please visit www.lbcweb.org.uk/caweek

30th June

Rothley Christian Aid Quarterly Lunch.

12 for 12:15. £5 for a three course meal and beverage. All take place at the Old School Rooms, School Street, **Rothley**, LE7 7RA . Phone 0116 230 4634 for details and to book a place (necessary).

29th September

Rothley Christian Aid Quarterly Lunch.

12 for 12:15. £5 for a three course meal and beverage. All take place at the Old School Rooms, School Street, **Rothley**, LE7 7RA . Phone 0116 230 4634 for details and to book a place (necessary).

Saturday 9th October

Christian Aid Leicestershire Round Sponsored Walk.

Details from Sue Richardson, East Midlands Office – 01509 265013 eastmidlands@christian-aid.org

Wednesday 13th October

Rothley Quiz Aid and Supper event,

7 for 7:30 p.m. at The Rothley Centre, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley LE7 7PR. Bookings in advance please to 0116 230 4634. Tables of four booked in advance please to 0116 230 4634.

(Individuals welcome to make up teams on the night or to spectate, but must still book for supper.)

Campaigns

Find out what is going on with the Climate Change Campaign post Copenhagen, visit www.christianaid.org.uk/actnow for more information.

Climate Change Campaign Volunteer needed for Derby

Are you passionate about Christian Aid's campaign for Climate Justice for the worlds poorest communities? Do you want to do your bit to make a difference and encourage others to get involved? Do you live in the Derby area?

Then Christian Aid need you!

They are looking for someone who lives in Derby, with a passion for climate change work, to take on a role as campaigns volunteer. This involves representing Christian Aid to the Derby Campaign Against Climate Change group and attending their events as a Christian Aid presence.

If you would be interested in this role, please contact the East Midlands office on 01509 265013 or eastmidlands@christian-aid.org for an application form.

Emergencies

Please visit <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/> to see information about the emergencies we are currently responding to and <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/index.aspx> to see our latest press releases on all topics.

Prayer

Please visit www.surefish.co.uk/prayerdiary for information on prayer resources available from Christian Aid. This includes church resources and reflections which you may wish to include in your magazine.

You can also visit <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/prayer/index.aspx> on our main website for prayers for use in services and reflections.

Out-of-date Christian Aid materials

Please also destroy all Christian Aid Week 2009 and earlier envelopes. The Gift Aid wording on the envelopes is now invalid and Christian Aid will lose income if the wrong envelopes are used. If you require envelopes for an event, please contact the East Midlands office on 01530 417522 or eastmidlands@christian-aid.org. Alternatively please visit www.christianaid.org.uk/give/giftaid to download the latest Gift Aid form.

Final Notes

We are happy to include information on any events that you are planning for Christian Aid in this e-mail and in our other mailings. Please send any information to eastmidlands@christian-aid.org making sure you include date, time, cost (if applicable) and contact details for more information.

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