

putting faith and justice into action

Dear link person,

Children, the world over, need space and time to play. In the UK there has been a move to encourage children to play outside more as this develops many useful skills and encourages care for their environment.

In the countries we support so many children do not have freedom to play outside because of threats of violence, dangerous environments or the need to work to bring money into the home. Christian Aid partners work hard to give children a childhood, respect their surroundings and find their full potential. We have often featured the Cultural Free Thought Association in Gaza who do just this, helping traumatised children to see a different way is possible.

The future of Commitment for Life, and the support we give to our four dedicated regions, remains in our hands. In light of the multiple challenges the world currently faces, and the huge number of pressing needs we read about every day, it would be great to be able to significantly increase our giving to Commitment for Life. I would therefore like to ask you and your churches to seriously consider how you could increase your support.

Thank you for all you do to raise awareness. I am extremely grateful to you, and the church you attend, for all the support given in the past and I pray this will continue into the future.

Linda Mead

See pictures of Bangladesh street children www.theguardian.com/global-development/gallery/2016/may/02/bangladesh-street-children-scared-sleep-alone? Save the Children report: Every Last Child

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE POST, CHEQUES AND ORDERS

Many of you may be aware that Church House will close for refurbishment in the Autumn. To ease this situation, our mailing is earlier than usual so you can order your envelopes, mini magazine and posters before the move. An order form is enclosed to help you. Please bear with me as we work out where stock can be stored and dispatched in the coming months.

All cheques should continue to be sent to the Church House address and these will be redirected to a new building where I will collect and process them.

It may be that the November update will need to be by email only. If we do not already have your email address please send it to me. If you are not on email, perhaps there is someone in the church who could receive it for you.

Dates for the Diary

CREATIONTIME

1 September to
4 October

<https://ctbi.org.uk/creation-time-2015/#ECI>

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

11 September

WORLD WEEK for PEACE in PALESTINE and ISRAEL

18-24 September

ONE WORLD WEEK

23 –30 October

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How to take action

This year's resources— How to use them

Mini magazine: Our resources are designed to show you how the money you raise is used. It also tries to make links with our faith and the need to take action. It would be great to get a copy of the magazine into the hands of everyone in the church so make sure you order enough for that to happen.

Envelopes: These are designed to allow for gift aid to be collected by the local church. Remember to order new ones for 2016 as those from before April 2016 have out of date wording.

Posters: Great to put up on outside notice boards. These let people know the church is outward looking and interested in world affairs. Order another one to use on inside boards too.

One World Week 2016

"Including You"
*Acting together for One
World in Peace*

This strap line is the overall European Global Education Week theme within which OWW will be focussing on migration and inclusion issues.

Resources will be available at a later date

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel - 24 September

God has broken the dividing walls:
Ephesians 2 v14

The World Council of Churches invites member churches, faith-based communities and civil society organizations around the world to join together in 2016 for a week of advocacy and action in support for an end to the illegal occupation of Palestine and a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel. The theme for 2016 is "Dismantling barriers". The week will build on the momentum of the WWPPi in 2015, with further focus on the barriers that separate peoples and families in Palestine and Israel. See the resource in this mailing for a prayer and ideas.

<http://pief.oikoumene.org/en>

Climate Change Coalition

This year alone, over 100 million were reached through the campaign with 5 million views of 'I wish for you...' a short film from Ridley Scott's team, scripted by Michael Morpurgo and starring Jeremy Irons and Maxine Peake. Over 100 community groups held Show The Love events. Musicians, actors and top fashion designers such as Jessie J and Thandie Newton as well as managers of premier league football clubs wore green hearts to show their support. Astronaut Tim Peake tweeted his support from outer space! The BT Tower turned green and Aviva, IKEA and BT joined other companies to share how they're tackling climate change.



Traidcraft

In this mailing you will find Traidcraft's new campaign postcard which takes its inspiration from a classic suffragette poster published over a hundred years ago and is now part of campaigning history. The new postcard contrasts the way individuals and big companies are treated by the law. It may be something you've never thought about before but it's at the heart of what they are calling for in the Justice campaign. You are invited to send the postcard to Rt Hon Jeremy Wright, the Attorney General, who is the most senior legal advisor to the government, and ask him to look at the way companies are legally held to account. To read more about the campaign go to <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/campaign-blog-entry/what-companies-do>