

OMC Christian Aid Week 2021 –

This year's Christian Aid Week is May 10-16, has a focus on those parts of our world where the climate crisis is causing additional hardship due to unreliable rain fall – sometimes too much, often too little. CA can help by helping poor communities to build better earth dams to hold water, provide drought resistant crop varieties and join the global advocacy for reducing greenhouse gases. We've supported CA with door- to-door collections, church collections and individual giving, but most are difficult in this Covid year. So your Stewards have agreed to a much simpler appeal for direct giving using this link: <https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/oakham-ca-group-christian-aid-week-2021> This is set up and ready to go. All you need to do click on the link, share the link on social media, in emails, at online services. You can see the total Oakham Churches Together have raised on the page and there's no admin to do! Alternatively, Roger has offered to accept cheques payable to Christian Aid which are sent to him. All the money you raise, and gift-aid permissions, go directly to Christian Aid.

Thanks, John Haden for CtIO

Weekly Collection Envelopes –

Although OMC has re-opened, for many people it is a year since they have been to Church. Unlike our Members who use the standing order system for their collections, monthly, envelope people may have a year's worth of filled envelopes at home. To help get these collections into the Church bank account, please either send me a cheque for the total amount, payable to Oakham Methodist Church, or contact me by telephone, when I will arrange to collect your envelopes from you, for banking. Many thanks.

Roger Rowell (Treasurer)