

Poverty and Hope Appeal 2017

Give today and
bring hope to
your neighbours
across the world



'Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the Glory of his name; make his
praise glorious.'

(Psalm 66:1-2)

The Lord wants us to praise him with words and deeds. Please praise with action and give to our Poverty and Hope appeal today. You'll be standing in solidarity with your brothers and sisters around the world. From Kent to India, you'll be turning mourning into dancing - may people across the world shout with joy and make God's praise glorious!

This year your generosity will transform lives across the globe. You'll help facilitate peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, feed families in Burkina Faso, tackle deforestation in Argentina, bring justice for vulnerable women in Delhi and help young people here in Kent to grow into global citizens.

**Please give generously and join us as we pray
and give to our neighbours as Jesus calls us to.**

A voice for the people in the DRC

Many people like Petronelle in the DRC fear being ignored or even punished for speaking out about their rights, such as clean water or education. Two long wars have left the country in a state of instability and those in authority don't understand the lives of those they represent, and often fail to use resources to lessen poverty. But Christian Aid's partners are working to help communities find their voice and ensure their representatives listen to them. Your support will lift more communities up. **Every £1 you give to this project will be matched with £3 by the EU!**



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Petronelle works with other members of her community to find solutions to issues such as unemployment.

Building resilience in Burkina Faso



Photo: Christian Aid

Pauline with her bumper crop of rice.

Farmers in Burkina Faso face major challenges. Extreme weather conditions, including droughts and floods, are causing food shortages and malnutrition, especially among the young. Through your support, we're helping vulnerable communities become more resilient in the face of disasters. Christian Aid partners are helping communities to organise and adapt, using warning systems so they are prepared before disasters strike and better able to respond afterwards. **Every £1 you give for this project will be matched by a staggering £10 from the EU!**

Caring for creation in Northern Argentina

Andrew and Maria Leake are Church Mission Society (CMS) mission partners based in Salta, Argentina. Deforestation has been rife in the area, causing disastrous environmental effects. But it's not just the environment that has suffered. The forests are home to many of Argentina's poorest people and mass deforestation is destroying their homes and livelihoods. Andrew and Maria's work raises awareness of the issue among Christian leaders and the government. As a result, deforestation has been falling.



Photo: CMS

Maria and Andrew Leake combat deforestation in Argentina.

Empowering vulnerable women in Delhi

Millions of people in India are bound by repressive culture, despite reform and improvements to education. Women are second-class citizens, which means oppression, discrimination and even violence. But the Delhi Brotherhood Society is doing amazing work to empower women, establishing a 24-hour helpline and women's councils. Your support will help them continue.



Photo: Us/Leah Gordon

Asha is a member of the women's council. She supports women experiencing abuse.

Exploring global issues



Photo: James Clarke/Commonwork

Children are inspired to tackle global issues at Bore Place, West Kent.

Commonwork Trust is a centre for education and health at Bore Place, a 500-acre organic farm in West Kent. It offers a variety of activities and experiences in food, farming, justice, and global citizenship education for people of all ages and abilities, including those who are most vulnerable and have fewer opportunities. Your support will make sure more disadvantaged young people can continue to learn vital skills at this remarkable centre.

Please give generously and show love to your neighbours near and far.

Your gift will change lives.

£10 could buy ingredients for a healthy cooking session for young people at Bore Place.

£100 could pay for a tutor to run a session for young people with special needs in Kent, building their confidence and independence.

Join us in prayer:

- For a successful harvest, in which everyone can share.
- For those who have been ignored and oppressed, that they would have their voices heard.
- For wisdom as we educate future generations to protect and preserve God's earth.

The Bible challenges us to think beyond our own needs and to look to the needs of others. The Poverty and Hope appeal is one way we are responding as a diocese, believing that it is our privilege and responsibility to stand in solidarity with communities in need wherever they are found.



Your support in past years has made a significant difference in some of the poorest and most marginalised communities in the world. This year we are continuing to support projects that are responding to the root causes of poverty in some of the poorest areas of the world, as well as helping less advantaged young people in Kent explore how to live and work sustainably and to learn new skills that will serve them for the rest of their lives.

I thank you for the generosity shown in the past year and beyond, and encourage you to think about how your church, your school or yourself could join in the appeal in the year ahead.

For resources that will help you in your prayer and fundraising, please go to the Diocese of Rochester website: bit.ly/PovertyHope.

Thank you for your continued support for this appeal.

With my prayers and good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ James." followed by a flourish.

The Rt Rev James Langstaff
Bishop of Rochester

Please support this appeal by giving generously, telling your church, school and community, and praying with us. Thank you.



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Pauline with her bumper crop of rice in Burkina Faso
(Photo: Christian Aid)

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