

## INTIMATIONS:

**St. Ninian's Friendly Corner** is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00am – 1:00pm in the Beith Hall (access from St. John's Road and through the church). There is tea and coffee, biscuits, friendship, and a warm welcome for everyone. Drop in anytime.

Launch **event for the upcoming supplement to CH4 – God Welcomes All** is taking place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7-9pm, at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, and will feature special guests who have songs included in the collection. As part of the event there will be a gathered choir. It will be a great opportunity to sing together with people from other church choirs and to learn some of the new songs in the supplement. Anyone who would like to take part should sign up at the link below. There will be two rehearsals online to help learn the music in advance and the main rehearsal will be on the afternoon of the event itself: <https://forms.office.com/e/nkc3VYd1i3> Anyone who is interested in attending the launch event to be part of the audience and join in the singing from their seat can also sign up for a free ticket via the same form.

**The congregation will learn with sadness** of the death of one of our members, Brenda Graham, formerly of West Craigs Crescent. Please remember Brenda's family and friends in your prayers. Brenda's funeral is at Warriston Crematorium (Lorimer Chapel) on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 11:00.

**The funeral of Jimmy Gibson** is at Mortonhall Crematorium (Main Chapel) on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 12:00noon.

**Guild:** Thank you to everyone who has supported our Guild. We are off on holiday but, if you missed out through this past session, you will be very welcome when we start again on Tuesday 1st October.

**The Care Van** is going out this evening. Please remember the Team in your prayers.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS 12- 18 MAY 2024 -

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive.

Christian Aid (CA) has been working in Burundi, East Africa, since 1995. It is one of the poorest countries in the world with more than 70% of the population facing malnourishment and poverty, putting them on the edge of survival.

This Christian Aid Week, our fundraising will ensure that many people in Burundi, get the skills and knowledge they need to push back against the inhumanity of poverty.

The events planned around CA week at St Ninian's include:

- Christian Aid Service on Sun 12th May
- Retiring collection for Christian Aid Week on 12th & 19th May
- Soup & Sweet Lunch on Sun 12th May after morning service-donations to CA
- CA Quiz - available in the Crush Hall today, 12th & 19th May
- Sunday School 70k assault course and baking on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

During Christian Aid Week, you can donate by:

1. Placing cash or a cheque (made payable to St. Ninian's Church) in the **RED BUCKETS** at the church doors
2. Sending a cheque (payable to St. Ninian's Church) to St Ninian's Church at 144 St John's Road, Edinburgh EH12 8AY

Please remember to Gift Aid your donation, if possible, using the envelopes provided at the church doors.

Thank you for your continuing support!

### **Primary Sunday School – Christian Aid Challenge - 70k(laps) in May!**

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of May, St Ninian's Primary Sunday School are going the extra mile for vulnerable communities around the world as part of [Christian Aid Week 2024](#).

The challenge for Christian Aid this year is to cover 70 kilometres in May, in solidarity with millions of people who have to walk long distances for clean water or to sell their produce. Our slant on the challenge will be for the children, in teams, to complete 70 laps of an obstacle course setup in the car park. They will also be selling home baking after the Service to help raise funds.

Money raised during Christian Aid Week will help the organisation's partners empower vulnerable communities to find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty.

This year's appeal is focussing on work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges: more than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

We appreciate any support that you can give the children through our Christian aid online fundraising page below or by coming along to our Bake Sale on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2024/st-ninians-primary-sunday-school-70-lap-challenge>

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