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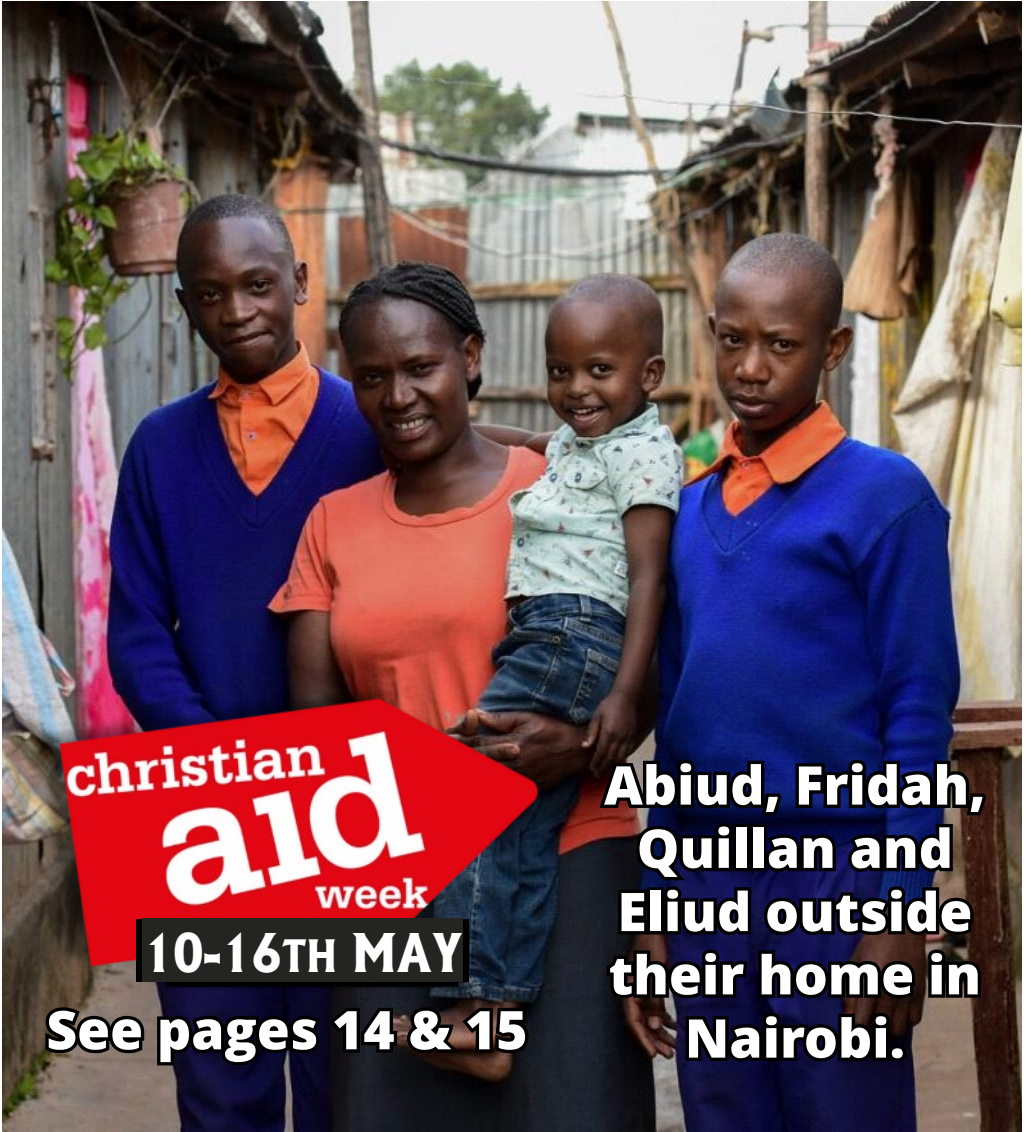
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# From the Revd Sally

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Dear Friends

I hope this edition of *in touch* finds you well. The year is marching on, and I hope you are enjoying the longer days and better weather.

We begin this month by celebrating our community in our Rogation service on May 3rd. Although we are not a rural community, rogation invites us to ask for a blessing for a particular place and its inhabitants to promote the common good. This year we have invited groups, clubs and businesses that are in the parish of Springfield that provide for and serve our community to celebrate and pray for them. This will be a great opportunity for us to engage with our wider community and bless them. Please support this day as outreach in our community is key for the growth of the kingdom of God.

From Ascension to Pentecost (14th -24th May) we will engage with the 'Pray for 5' initiative as we participate in this year's **Thy Kingdom Come**, which is all about the presence of God through His spirit.

“The God who is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who, through His spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him.

“From the story of Ruth to the story of Gideon, from the story of Elijah to the story of the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come - over the 11 days we will explore a different Bible story each day, which demonstrates God’s transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places.

“Our hope is that as we pray for our five people, they will also experience the life-changing love of God and choose to follow Him.”



Think about the 5 people that you will pray for and nearer the time I will let you know how we can support you in this mission.

Blessings



# The Rector's closing remarks at the APCM

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As we have our church meeting, it's nice to hear our young people's voices outside. I think that's a real, big reflection on who we are. I know it's sometimes difficult to hear if they're making a noise but they're here and, in order for us to grow our church, it's really important that they're included and that we get used to hearing their voices within our meetings and within what we do as community.

When I left my curacy in Ingatestone, the Primary School of which I was a governor gave me a cushion for my office on which was written their school vision. A verse from Matthew 19:26, "With God all things are possible".

Sometimes we feel it's impossible to keep a church running – it's day to day upkeep, paying our parish share, getting volunteers, enthusing fundraising. It's all a bit too much sometimes. An all-consuming and sometimes overwhelming task. But Jesus reminds us that, with God, all things are possible and that we need to stop trying to build God's kingdom here in Springfield by ourselves. We need to turn to God in everything that we do and in particular when we find things difficult.

If we don't let go of all the things in our lives that block us from God, then, like the rich man who Jesus was alluding to in his comment, we cannot build a kingdom of God. As Jesus says, for mortals like us it is impossible. We need God.

So has God been working in our church in the last year? Sometimes it's really hard to

appreciate what God's done as we look at all the things we need to achieve – that long to-do list that seems never ending and really unreachable.

I spent a couple of hours yesterday looking back through my diaries to remember all the wonderful things that happened last year. Sometimes my head gets full of all the things I need to do and I forget all the things I have been doing and all the things that have made this year really special.

- The gaining of a gold eco award and the outdoor celebrations that we had;
- Worshipping on a Tuesday with Bishops' School pupils which is a wonderful way to start my week;
- Singing and storytelling with pre-schoolers and Children in Church;
- Restarting my studies to finish my degree and seeing lots of other people within our church starting to look at their own vocations and starting their own studies;
- The impact of Connect Café on so many people and how out of those we have gained support for our fund raising and lately the new community garden;
- Visiting members of our community who can no longer make it to church and sitting with them, talking to them and hearing their stories of how they served this church, what they gave and how we are now benefitting from their stewardship of their time and their talents in the past;

- Taking the funerals of parishioners and walking alongside families as they face their loss;
- Taking baptisms;
- Welcoming children and their families into this sometimes unfamiliar building and helping them to feel comfortable;
- Welcoming the Beavers and the Cubs and the Boy's Brigade to have a treasure hunt around the traditional church building and their excitement as they ran around trying to find different things and the questions they asked;
- Sitting where I sit in church beside the choir, surrounded and immersed in their voices;
- Christmas carols at The Tulip;
- The Sunday Special Nativity service;
- Our Christmas services and how we give to others through our collections over that period;
- And the joy of our recent Easter Day service.

All this and infinitely more are blessings on us made possible by God.

So this next year, as we rededicate ourselves to the service of our church, our parish and our community, making new disciples and building God's kingdom, try not to get disillusioned when things don't happen quickly or don't work the way we think they might work. When projects seem a bit too big, money seems too insufficient, and change seems a bit too scary, just remember, "With God all things are possible".

*The Rector*

# The Church Council (PCC) 2026/27

Following the elections at the Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April, the following is the membership of the Church Council.

## Clergy

The Revd Sally Croft \*

## Churchwardens

Sue Potts \*

Robin Stevens \*

## Deanery Synod members

Ian Poston \*

Robin Stevens \*

## Elected members

### *Until 2027*

Peter Balls

Linda Balls

Jack Spencer

Diana Orr

### *Until 2028*

Barbara Garside \*

Dave Gauld \*

Paula Hiatt \*

Gordon Leonard

### *Until 2029*

Ben Alder

Sue Chorley

Peter Downes

Shirley Duggan

\* Members of the Standing Committee

## What about retrofitting a heat pump?

As long as the earth endures, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. *Genesis 8:22*

Back in 2021 we spotted an opportunity offered by Essex County Council to consider installing solar panels under their Solar Together scheme. The scheme offered the opportunity to join other Essex residents and, with the large number of potential participants, ECC then invited competitive offers from qualified companies. We felt this gave us assurance that the firm they would recommend would be sound, and would avoid us having to deal with a large number of potential firms. After the winning firm had been selected, we received their outline quotation. This first step did not require any payment. At that point we had to decide whether to proceed further, the next step being to pay for a survey and specific quotation for our house.

We decided to proceed and found that the specific quotation was very close to the outline quotation. The process from the survey, quotation of costs and estimate of power production went very smoothly, the installation was completed at the quoted cost. Although our roof orientation is not ideal, we have had no regrets. The power we have generated since then has been well beyond expectations and, coupled with a bank of batteries, provided for our needs most of

the year. Based on the calculations at the time, we have probably covered the installation costs by now in power we have generated for ourselves or exported to the grid.

So when in 2024 ECC offered the same arrangement for considering installing a heat pump, we decided to follow this up. The process proved to be as satisfactory as the solar one had been. One word of caution – do not think that this is a viable option if your boiler has broken down. It took us around 6 months from the first contact to installation. There is a lot of preliminary work to be done. This includes getting an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC), assessing the property's current insulation, the size of rooms and existing radiators, as well as the location of the heat pump (outdoors) and the additional water tanks and pipework (indoors). The outside location was not a problem but indoors we have lost most of the airing cupboard space to accommodate the equipment needed.

The installation was completed last May and took just a week. We changed to a pressurised water system, so the header tank in the loft was removed. Radiators in many of the rooms were changed to bigger ones, either larger dimensions or



*The equipment installed in the airing cupboard*



*The heat pump outside the back door*

triple panel rather than double. A large, highly insulated hot water tank was installed so that you have plenty of hot water, albeit at a lower temperature so you mix with less cold. It still feels nice and hot out of the taps. To achieve a high efficiency, the flow temperature in a heat pump system is lower than for a gas or oil-fired boiler, and the maximum output from a heat pump is lower than the output of a conventional boiler. Accordingly, the way you run it to keep the water hot and house warm is rather different. Instead of having it on morning and evening to quickly raise the temperatures, you need to keep it running all the time. You can vary the room temperature, e.g. to be cooler at night, but it will not warm up quickly from cold and the radiators never feel hot.

So, some misconceptions:

- Is the house really warm enough on a cold winter's day? Yes, it is, and it's warm all day rather than just twice. On a cold day before we would have had to put the heating back on if we were at home.
- Is it expensive to run if it's on all the time? No, coupled with the solar panels and batteries, we are on a special tariff for heat pumps and import power to boost the batteries at three off-peak times in the day. This is working out much cheaper than last winter with the gas boiler.
- Isn't the heat pump itself noisy? No, it is by our side door and sometimes it is hard to tell if it is running. Tell-tale is the slight cool draft you can feel or looking to see if the fan is turning!
- But they are much more expensive to buy than a gas boiler? Yes, they are,

but at present there is a Government grant that contributes, and it is better for the environment! Coupled with the solar it seems like a win-win.

If you are interested in considering this as an option in your home, we would be happy to provide more details.

*Barbara & Dick Garside*

## This month's eco suggestions

- **Walk or cycle** if we can instead of driving to places near home
- Find out more about **the climate emergency** and what we can do to help

*To find out more or to share your ideas on Eco Church please go to the website [www.allsaintsspringfield.org.uk/church-life/eco-church](http://www.allsaintsspringfield.org.uk/church-life/eco-church) or speak to one of the Eco Church Group – Roger McFarland, Nicky Morecroft, Chris McFarland, Ian Poston, Dave Gauld, Beth Cornish, Ann Salmon, Shirley Duggan.*

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## Children's Society

In March we received a letter from the Children's Society to thank us for £220 from our annual box opening. This was in addition to the gift from the Christingle Service in December.

needs, can go to drop-in centres and be listened to.



Many of us are concerned for our young generations. Some have the opportunity to contribute to the lives of grandchildren and to the many who attend our uniformed organisations and some are teachers. But for those who do not have such connections the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Society (formerly Church of England Children's Society) is a real opportunity to make a difference to the lives of our young people.

The Society also supports the lives of the many young carers and offers them the social life which they are so lacking.

You could consider asking me for a collection box or making a direct donation as and when you can. If you contact the Society at 50, Banner St. London EC1Y 8S or by emailing [supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk) or phoning 0300 303 7000 you will be sent updates and information about the campaigns for change which need your support and also much encouraging news about the good that your support is doing in these young lives. This is a great blessing in a time of great need.

Not only does the Society help children and young people but it makes their voices heard in Government Departments. Currently numbers of young adults leaving care need someone to 'be there' for them, and children with un-met mental health

*Patricia Otter 01245 267093*



# SPRING CONCERT

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# Calendar for MAY

A recording of the Sunday 10.30am service will be available on YouTube, accessible from the church website, soon after the service.

- Fr 1 PHILIP & JAMES. APOSTLES  
12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *organ*  
Sa 2 9.30am An opportunity for churchyard gardening (to noon)

## Su 3 ROGATION SUNDAY

### 8.00am Holy Communion

*president & preacher:* The Revd Andy Hudson

### 10.30am Worship Together with the Boys' Brigade

*leader & preacher:* The Rector

- Mo 4 *Early May Bank Holiday*  
8.00pm Beer & Bible Hour at The Tulip – all welcome  
Tu 5 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church  
We 6 9.30am Children in Church  
10.00am Holy Communion  
*president:* The Rector *preacher:* Dave Gauld  
Th 7 *Polling Day for elections to the County Council*  
2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering  
Fr 8 12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *Lodore Trio*  
(*Flute, violin and piano*)  
Sa 9 9.30am Family (Prayer) Breakfast at Wetherspoons  
7.00pm Young Caprice Concert at St Andrew's Church, Melbourne

## Su 10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Start of Christian Aid Week*

### 10.30am Holy Communion

*president:* The Rector *preacher:* Robin Stevens

### 10.30am The Sunday Special Service

*leader:* Julian Mallett

- Mo 11  
Tu 12 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church  
We 13 9.30am Children in Church  
10.00am Holy Communion  
*president & preacher:* The Rector  
Th 14 ASCENSION DAY  
2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering  
2.30pm Women's Fellowship: Ladybirds Singing Group

Fr 15 MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *soprano & piano*

Sa 16 7.15pm Fairtrade Quiz in our church hall – all welcome

## Su 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR THE JUNE MAGAZINE*

**8.00am Holy Communion**

*president:* The Rector      *preacher:* Pat Otter

**10.30am Morning Prayer**

*leader:* Robin Stevens      *preacher:* Peter Balls

**10.30am Sunday Special Holy Communion**

*president:* The Rector

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Tu 19 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church

We20 9.30am Children in Church

10.00am Holy Communion

*president:* The Rector      *preacher:* Dave Gauld

7.30pm The Church Council meets

Th 21 2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering

Fr 22 12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *male voice choir*

Sa 23

## Su 24 PENTECOST

**10.30am Holy Communion**

*president & preacher:* to be advised

**10.30am The Sunday Special Service**

*leader:* Charlotte Laurence

Mo 25 *Spring Bank Holiday*

Tu 26 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church

7.30pm The Ministry Team meets

We27 10.00am Holy Communion

*president & preacher:* The Rector

Th 28 2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering

Fr 29 12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *jazz piano*

Sa 30

## Su 31 TRINITY SUNDAY

**10.30am Holy Communion**

*president & preacher:* The Rector

**10.30am The Sunday Special Service**

*leader:* Roger McFarland

## Churchyard

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The daffodils are over, the grass is growing apace, and the buds are breaking out into leaf. Spring is here and lots of work is needed in the churchyard.

We met on a lovely Easter Saturday amongst the preparations in the church and centre for celebrating His rising in glory on Easter Day. Weeds were cleared, the courtyard was swept and lots of debris was turned into useful mulch. Some of this will be used in the Community Garden for the base of their new raised beds.

**If you can offer some time to join the mowing team please let me know.** There are currently only two and having three people works best.

Otherwise please join us on the first Saturday for any time you can between 9.30am and noon. The next dates are 2 May, 6 June, and 4 July and all help is so very much appreciated.

Many thanks  
*Barbara Garside*



*"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good....?'"*

## Women's Fellowship

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We welcomed two members of the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) to our April meeting. This is a uniformed volunteer organisation – no one receives a salary and they have no official funding. They totally rely on the generosity of the community they serve.

They monitor any incident they see or hear at sea or along the shoreline, plot the position and report to the Coastguard and then respond to any requests for assistance.

Watchkeepers come from all walks of life. With full training they reach a very high standard and keep up to date with the latest legislation or improved operational procedures. The NCI was first established in Cadgwith, Cornwall, in 1995. There are now 61 stations in England and Wales, manned by 2,919 volunteers.

At our May meeting we will be entertained by the Ladybirds Singing Group, which sounds lovely!

*Mary Bartlam*

## Our walk with God

Life can become once more a grand adventure if we will surrender it to God.... He brings one adventure to an end, only to open another to us. ...with Him we must be ready for anything. *Paul Tournier*

God never put anyone in a place too small to grow in. *Henrietta Mears*

A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming. *Martin Luther*

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# Parochial Organisations' reports for 2025

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*Robin Stevens has picked some information from the reports that were presented to the Annual Church Meeting. This is his selection (you may not agree) but we thank God for all the good things that are going on.*

## **Choir**

The Choir Director resigned during the year, and interim arrangements were put in place to ensure the choir's continued contribution to worship. We are grateful to all choir members for their commitment, good humour and willingness to serve week by week, and we continue to welcome new singers — especially altos, tenors and basses, our much-loved "Back Row of Power". The choir What's App group continues to allow members to keep in touch and socialise remotely as well as during our time together at practice and services. We look forward to the appointment of a new Choir Director and a musical 2026.

## **Orchestra**

If you play or have played an orchestral instrument and are wishing to or thinking about joining a very friendly group, do please come along to one of our rehearsals. Peter Cross's contact details and information about events can be found in this magazine. You will find a very welcoming and encouraging atmosphere awaits you.

## **Bellringers**

To mark special services and occasions of local and national importance, a total of 8 quarter peals, 2 eighth peals and two sessions of special ringing were performed at Springfield. Starting with the quarter peals: One was rung by a band comprised entirely of Guild members and hence is

classified as a guild quarter. It was of 4 methods Doubles and was Artem Mallet's first quarter peal which he rang on the Tenor.

## **Foodbank**

Shirley Duggan says, thank you for continuing to support the Foodbank. Donations in Lent and at Harvest Festival were especially generous. My thanks to those who helped carry donations to my car for delivery to Beehive Lane - and to the guys who unload it at the Foodbank. They know that the donations come from All Saints' Springfield church.

## **All Saints' Prayer Ministry**

This is our second report, and we can happily report that the prayer ministry has developed well during the last year. There is still much to do, but it's good to report that the prayer times after the morning service have been very encouraging. Many people have come for prayer and as a result the feedback has been very positive. God has entered into many of our prayers, and the resulting answers have been remarkable. Praise God.

## **Social Committee Report**

Our Connect Cafe' weekly Thursday afternoon meetings began in June 2024 instigated by the Revd Sally as a community 'get together' with the added attraction of tea and cake. The idea was to embrace the local community to meet

and enjoy each other's company. To date it has been a tremendous success. On some afternoons we can get as many as 40 plus people in the hall, all chatting, getting to know each other and generally have a companionable afternoon. Everyone is welcome.

## **Women's Fellowship**

The Women's Fellowship continue to hold their meetings on the second Thursday in the month starting at 2.30pm. We have welcomed new ladies to our Fellowship during the year. Due to moving away, death, ill health and mobility problems several older members are no longer with us. Our membership now stands at 35 with an average of 26 members attending each month.

## **Church Garden**

The gardening team met on most first Saturdays in 2025 when the weather cooperated. We have a good number of regular members, some new members, and some who join us when they can. We do enjoy our break time for coffee, a chat, and a warmup in the winter chill or cool down in the summer heat!

## **Flowers in Church**

As in previous years our many volunteers have decorated the altar pedestal throughout the year. We have also enjoyed arranging flowers for the special church festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas when our whole team is needed to help. As an Eco Church, we will continue to use chicken wire for the pedestal arrangements, and 50% biodegradable oasis for our Christmas, Easter and Harvest decorations. Over the year we have become more adept at working with

different containers and the chicken wire to make the pedestal arrangements.

## **Children-in-Church**

We have a much younger group of children now as there were a lot who started school last September. Every week there are plenty of toys to play with, craft activity, and a short service in church with singing, action rhymes, prayers, shakers and an occasional story. The parents, grandparents, carers and children are given refreshments after the service. We continue to offer a safe play space for all the children who are supervised by the adults who bring them and enjoy doing so.

## **Boys' Brigade**

We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Springfield Locality Fund that allowed us to freshen up a fair amount of our sports equipment for the Boys as well as purchase a number of technological items that will afford us opportunities to run our activity's and games in a manner that our Boys tend to prefer in this modern age.

## **2nd Springfield Rainbows & Brownies**

Over the past year we have completed many skills builder badges and interest badges. A firm favourite interest badge is the baking badge. It goes down well with the leaders as well, as we do like to sample any cakes or biscuits made! Our numbers decreased for a while, but in September soon picked up. At the moment the numbers for Brownies are low again but should increase again this September. Rainbows have a very healthy waiting list.

# Christian Aid focus on Nairobi

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This Christian Aid Week focuses on how to tackle hunger and food poverty in Nairobi. Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, trains and supports the local community in Dagoretti to farm in tiny city spaces. Fridah Moraa is a mum and grandma who has learned to grow food for her family using this space-saving method (*see the photo on the front page*).

Fridah is raising her 13-year-old twin sons Eliud and Abiud, her daughter, and four-year-old grandson, Quillan. The family live in a small metal shelter. They have to share a toilet with other families and have no indoor running water.

In these conditions, keeping her family healthy and safe from disease is a constant battle for Fridah, and one she must face alone. That's because, in February 2025, a tragic accident took the life of her husband.

Like many families in the overcrowded streets of Dagoretti, day-to-day life for Fridah is difficult. She worries every morning about how to get enough food for the children. She earns money by selling vegetables at the market, but if there are not enough customers then she'll often go without food so her children can eat.

Now, thanks to an offer of support by Christian Aid's partner, Fridah is building her hope and strength for the future.

Fridah already belonged to a savings group run by Beacon of Hope, when they told her about a new farming project. This offers people in Dagoretti the chance to

train as city farmers, by giving them skills, seeds, tools and space-saving ways to grow produce near their homes.

Slightly puzzled yet excited by the idea of growing food in the heart of the city, Fridah started going to the urban farming training sessions.

Fridah has transformed a tiny unused space into a source of healthy food and income for her family. With grit and determination, she is studying hard. Lessons cover not only farming techniques, such as pest management, compost production, and seed cultivation, but also business skills, including money management and how to sell.

Hidden at the end of a concrete alley, noisy with little children and dogs, and shaded by washing hung out to dry, you'd never guess that a lush, plant-packed space could thrive like this. As Fridah pulls open the rickety gate and sees what she has achieved, her face shines with pride.

Fridah is now beginning to reap the benefits of her nutritious produce. Colourful kale, tomatoes and a range of local vegetables are now being sold on her market stall and fed to her family. Clever Fridah is using the metal fences for climbing plants and turning old containers into planters.

Fridah delights in being able to give her family the healthy food she is growing herself, without harmful chemicals. From living meal to meal, not knowing if her children will go to bed with empty stomachs, Fridah now cherishes the security her small urban farm is bringing.

# What does Christian Aid do?

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*Here Christian Aid answers some of your questions:*

Christian Aid has a vision of an end to poverty. Across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean, we work with local partners to bring lasting change for people living in poverty, regardless of their faith, gender or race.

## **What's Christian Aid Week?**

Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty. During the week, we ask our supporters to give their time, money and voices to help bring lasting change to some of the world's poorest communities. The money you raise helps fund our vital work to transform the lives of people around the world.

## **How is the money spent?**

In the financial year ending 31 March 2024, for every £1 we received, we spent:

- **84p in our life-changing work** including: working for long-term change, responding to humanitarian emergencies and using our voice to call for global change.
- **16p in our fundraising and awareness raising** to attract new supporters to make all the above work possible. For every £1 we invest, we secure more than £6 in return.

## **Why does it only work on issues of poverty internationally?**

Christian Aid was set up by the churches in Britain and Ireland to be their agency to tackle poverty overseas. Christian Aid works with agencies such as Church Action on Poverty to draw attention to the links between poverty at home and abroad through issues such as tax.

## **Does Christian Aid only help Christians?**

No. We believe everyone is equal. We work to help people on the basis of need, not religion, race, ethnicity or nationality, and we fund projects that help people of all faiths and none.

Much of the work we fund is carried out by local, faith-based organisations – including those run by Christians, Muslims, Jews, or people of other faiths – but it's for the benefit of all. Poverty does not discriminate on the basis of faith, and neither do we.

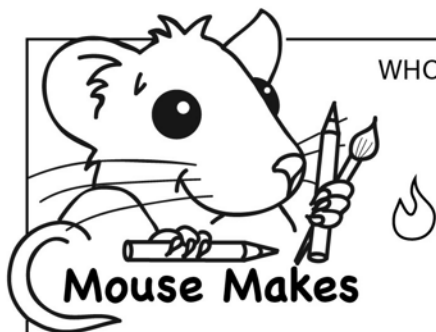
We are committed to the Red Cross and Red Crescent Code of Conduct, meaning we never link aid with evangelism, and we don't promote one Christian church or denomination over another.

## **What does the 'Christian' in Christian Aid mean?**

Christian Aid was created by the churches in Britain and Ireland, and churches remain our key supporters. We're the overseas development agency of 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland, and we work with church networks around the world.

We believe that every human being is equal in the sight of God and has fundamental dignity. In a world where millions of people live in poverty, we believe that Jesus calls us to be good news to poor communities.

We exist to help those who need it most. Our love and care for all our neighbours means that we stand together with those seeking dignity, equality and justice.



# Mouse Makes

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

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*Genesis 1:2*

The

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of the Father.

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*Acts 1:4*

The Spirit of

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*Romans 8:15*

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*John 14:26*

The Spirit of

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*John 16:13*

The Spirit of

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*Acts 16:7*

The Fruit of the Spirit  
*Galatians 5:22-23*

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read  
**Acts 2:1-41**

How many believers were baptised that day?

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K E O N P P E A C E G O D  
I N U F A K J D H J R R F  
N T N A T L O V E O A D H  
D L S I I O H O L Y C D L  
N E E T E A I C P L E E G  
E N L H N D E A E D E B L  
S E L F C O N T R O L J O  
S N O P E P T E A C H E R  
J S R J O T R U T H F S Y  
R S P I R I T I L U I U K  
K P P R O M I S E R S R  
I D W I N D D O V E W

Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER  
ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE  
GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND

# Morning prayer

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord,"

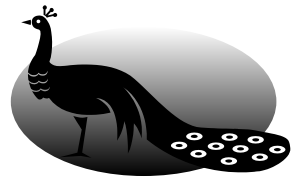
And there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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# The Spring Fayre at the end of March



*The decorated hat competition*



*Marmalade and jams*



*Cakes*



*Chocolate Tombola*



*And many people enjoyed the occasion*