Christian Aid Week, 10 – 16 May, is still going ahead, albeit taking a different form to the way we would usually support the week by envelope donations. Below is a copy of a communication from our local Christian Aid contact with details of how you can still donate this year. Thank you.

"The people with whom Christian Aid works, in many countries of the world, are not 'facing' a climate change emergency but are 'living' with it, today in the present. Now they are also today facing and sharing in the more obviously global emergency of the Corona Virus19 pandemic. This pandemic is causing serious and tragic problems for us here in Europe, and it is causing even more problems in countries with less developed systems of communication and health care. The disasters of drought, related crop failures, hurricanes and subsequent flooding all lead to great poverty, and these countries have even less resources to use to combat the Corona Virus 19.

A significant amount of money is raised in Christian Aid Week each year, but this year the usual door to door/house to house collection cannot take place, because of the national situation. Also the fundraising activities and collections elsewhere have had to be cancelled. Christian Aid will be launching an on-line Christian Aid Week appeal and we can join in with asking its supporters to give as generously as they can so that the funds are there to help swiftly where help is needed.

To make a telephone donation please phone : 020 7523 2269 To give directly into the Christian Aid Bank account please telephone : 020 7523 2226 for information.

Please continue to pray regarding the risks and tragedies relating to the Covid 19 pandemic, and also regarding the problems of Global Climate Change. The 2020 Climate Change Conference - UNFCCC COP26 was to have taken place in Glasgow in November 2020, but has been postponed to an as yet undecided date in 2021, because of the Covid 19 pandemic. I hope each of us will think deeply and choose to act as we can to reduce our own carbon footprint, and to equalise the world's wealth and share resources with all humanity."