

Christian Aid Committee

Monday 13th July 2015

Present: Jim Cleverly (Treasurer), Robin Hart (URC), Amanda Greenlee (Steep), Hattie Hughes (St Peter's), Sally Smith (Life)

1. Review of Christian Aid Week

Jim had previously circulated a summary of the figures for this year's Christian Aid week collections. Feedback from reps was as follows:

URC – not quite full coverage of streets had been possible but the average given per envelope had increased. The URC children had taken part in a sponsored walk and had raised £831 – more than £200 more than last year. Robin expressed his thanks to Fiona Darling who leads the children's work.

Steep – no house to house collection is done in Steep, but David Storey had spoken in church asking people to set up Direct Debits for Christian Aid. The Coffee morning had not been so well attended as last year, but had raised £237

Life – Sally reported that all but 2 streets had been covered, and that the amount collected had increased.

St Peter's – Hattie reported that although only a fraction of roads could be covered, the regular collectors had been very successful

Other churches – Judith Bee organised a very successful collection in Buriton and Bernard Elkington had done very well for St Laurence's church. However, the Salvation Army, Froxfield, and the Methodist church had not taken part this year as far as we knew.

Town collection/ flag day – Robin had organised this, and had managed to fill all but one collecting slot. Volunteers came from the URC and St Peter's. Takings were down, partly because it took place shortly after a large collection for the Nepal earthquake appeal. Next year's collection will be on Sat 21st May, and Robin has notified EHDC already.

2. Soup Lunch

We decided to hold this on 30th January 2016. We would like to return to the Methodist Church hall. Hattie will book it, if available. The URC hall would be our second option.

3. Any other events

Hattie mentioned that Christian Aid South West are promoting the Bournemouth Marathon Festival and looking for runners in the marathon, half-marathon, 10k or 5k. This could be advertised to church congregations if there are any keen runners.

4. Hattie said that she had decided to step down as Area Co-ordinator, but was happy to remain as St Peter's rep.

Her recent return to work, combined with family and other commitments made her feel unable to continue in this role. At present, she is the committee chair and secretary and acts as rep for St Peter's, which was previously divided into 2 areas. The other committee members, were also unable to take on any more commitments, so Jim suggested that we refer back to PACT for advice, as we were formed under the PACT umbrella.

We have plenty of time to work on this as the next meeting will not be needed until early January 2016 (to prepare for the Soup Lunch).

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 2015

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Gift Aid</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2014</u>
House to House Collection	£3,866	£375	£4,241	£4,162
Street Collection	£508		£508	£616
Sponsored Walk	£705	£126	£831	£605
Coffee Morning	£195	£42	£237	£284
Refresh Café				£126
TOTAL	£5,274	£543	£5,817	£5,793