



## East Midlands Update 4 February 2015

### Day of climate action: 17 June

This June we'll be coming together to tell the newly elected Government to make climate change their number one priority. It's time to protect the people and things threatened by climate change - and create a brighter future. Join us this June for a day of climate action!

- When: Wednesday 17 June 2015
- Where: Central London
- What: Day of climate action

Come and tell your MP and the Government that the time for climate action is NOW. It will be a day filled with music, debate and worship; friendship, solidarity and hope. *To sign up and receive all the information you'll need to come along and lobby your MP, please visit: [www.christianaid.org.uk/climate-summer](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/climate-summer)*

### This year is our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As we look ahead to what 2015 will bring in the fight against poverty, *let's take a moment to look back over 70 years of life changing work:*

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/70th-anniversary/>

### Count Your Blessings

Our fantastic Count Your Blessings calendars are now available to order and download. *Please visit our [Lent webpage](#) to order or download our popular Count Your Blessings calendars.*

## GIVE

### Derbyshire

Thursday 19 February

#### Lent Lunch

Town Hall, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith, High Peak SK23 0HP

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Thursday 26 February

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Thursday 5 March

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## Leicestershire

Sunday 22 February

**Loughborough Simple Sunday Lunch**

12.30pm, Friends at Trinity Methodist Church, Royland Road, Loughborough LE11 2EH

This will be a special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch. Do come along to celebrate 30 years of Loughborough Simple Sunday Lunches!

Tuesday 24 February

**Lent Hunger Lunch**

12-2pm, Swinford Rectory, Kilworth Road, Swinford, Lutterworth LE17 6BQ

Come to Swinford Rectory, share in a Hunger Lunch and give to Christian Aid what you would have spent on a meal.

12noon to 1pm will be soup, bread and give what you can. Then from 1 to 2pm: 'Looking together at the Psalms...the whole of life is here!' For 3,000 years, the Psalms have fed our life of worship, so here is a chance to look at them together. *24th Feb: Songs of Praise and Telling the Great Story*. You can come to the meal, to the devotional time, or to both!

More details available from Canon Chris Oxley on 01788 860445 or email: [oxleycr@bopenworld.com](mailto:oxleycr@bopenworld.com)

Tuesday 3 March

**Lent Hunger Lunch**

12-2pm, Swinford Rectory, Kilworth Road, Swinford, Lutterworth LE17 6BQ

Come to Swinford Rectory, share in a Hunger Lunch and give to Christian Aid what you would have spent on a meal.

Bread, soup and water will be served from 12 to 1pm and then there is an opportunity to stay and have a time of biblical study, prayer and reflection. *3rd March: Time for Lament*. You can come to the meal, to the devotional time, or to both!

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Tuesday 10 March

**Lent Hunger Lunch**

12-2pm, Swinford Rectory, Kilworth Road, Swinford, Lutterworth LE17 6BQ

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Bread, soup and water will be served from 12 to 1pm and then there is an opportunity to stay and have a time of biblical study, prayer and reflection. *10th March: Long Live The King!* You can come to the meal, to the devotional time, or to both!

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Sunday 29 March

**Loughborough Simple Sunday Lunch**

12.30pm, United Reformed Church, 39 Frederick Street, Loughborough LE11 3BH

Sunday 26 April

**Loughborough Simple Sunday Lunch**

12.30pm, All Saints and Holy Trinity Church, Steeple Row, Loughborough LE11 1UX

Sunday 10 May

**Loughborough Simple Sunday Lunch**

12.30pm, Kings Church, The Schofield Centre/Green Close Lane, Loughborough LE11 5AS

## Lincolnshire

Friday 20 March

**Super Soup Lunch**

11.30am - 1.30pm, Broad Street Methodist Church, Spalding PE11 1TR

Soups served with assorted bread rolls. There will also be a bring and buy stall. Everyone welcome! Donations for Christian Aid.

## Nottinghamshire

Saturday 21 February

**Lent Lunch**

12noon-1.30pm, St. Paul's Church, Church Street, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1BJ

Carlton Christian Aid Committee invites you to their Lent Lunches. Lunches will be served from 12noon till 1.30pm at various Churches across Carlton. All proceeds go to support the work of Christian Aid. Please support these lunches and bring a friend or neighbour.

Saturday 28 February

**Lent Lunch**

12noon-1.30pm, St George the Martyr, Victoria Road, Netherfield, Nottingham NG4 2NN

Carlton Christian Aid Committee invites you to their Lent Lunches, taking place between 12noon and 1.30pm. All proceeds go to support the work of Christian Aid. Please support these lunches and bring a friend or neighbour.

Saturday 7 March

**Lent Lunch**

12noon-1.30pm, Carlton Baptist Church, Station Road, Nottingham NG4 3AT  
Carlton Christian Aid Committee invites you to their Lent Lunches, taking place between 12noon and 1.30pm. All proceeds go to support the work of Christian Aid. Please support these lunches and bring a friend or neighbour.

Sunday 8 March

**Lent Soup Lunch**

12noon, Old Church House, East Street, Bingham, NG13 8AL  
We shall be holding another of our now popular Christian Aid Lenten fund-raising Soup Lunches. We plan to have a selection of tasty, home-made soups with bread and enjoy eating together, whilst at the same time helping to raise awareness of the needs of those who go without enough food to eat on a daily basis, both in our own country and across the world. All are welcome to join us! The event lasts around 60 to 90 mins. Contact Jill Haywood CA rep on 01949 836093 for more details.

Saturday 14 March

**Lent Lunch**

12noon-1.30pm, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 99 Carlton Hill, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1FP  
Carlton Christian Aid Committee invites you to their Lent Lunches, taking place between 12noon and 1.30pm. All proceeds go to support the work of Christian Aid. Please support these lunches and bring a friend or neighbour.

Saturday 21 March

**Lent Lunch**

12noon-1.30pm, Carlton Main Street Methodist, Carlton Hill, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1EE  
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Saturday 28 March

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12noon-1.30pm, Carlton Christian Fellowship, George Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AE  
Carlton Christian Aid Committee invites you to their Lent Lunches, taking place between 12noon and 1.30pm. All proceeds go to support the work of Christian Aid. Please support these lunches and bring a friend or neighbour.

Monday 4 May

**Sponsored Cycle on Charter Day**

9am-4pm

The Retford Christian Aid Committee is looking for people to cycle on Charter Day (4th May) from Retford to London (145 miles) to urge the new Chancellor of the Exchequer to be generous to developing nations. We won't literally be cycling to London on that day however! The plan is to have one or more exercise bikes available for people to cycle on and be sponsored both beforehand and on the day. Those wishing to participate can do a 20 minute slot, with the aim being to cycle the 145 miles between 9am & 4pm at an average speed of just over 20 mph.

Saturday 9 May

**Evening of Music**

7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Greasley, Moorgreen, Nottingham  
Greasley Christian Aid group present an evening of music to launch Christian Aid Week 2015 with the Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Brass Band. Tickets are £7.00 and include wine/soft drink and snacks. Contact 01773 761159 to book tickets.

Monday 11- Friday 15 May

**Live Below the Line for 5 days**

Some members of the Retford Christian Aid Group are facing up to the challenge of spending no more than £1 a day on food and drink for 5 days. Want to join us? If you do or want to know more information please contact Tony Walker (email [tony@tonywalker.f9.co.uk](mailto:tony@tonywalker.f9.co.uk), tel. 01777 703800) or Marion Strange (tel. 077020 73006) by Wednesday 25 March. We'll be meeting on Thursday 26 March in St. Saviour's Hall at 1.30-3pm to plan.

## ACT

### Tax Dodging Bill – take action

We all pay our taxes. But companies like Amazon, Google and Starbucks can get away with not paying their fair share. Developing countries lose an estimated \$160 billion a year from corporate tax dodging. We can put a stop to this.

We need the next government to introduce a Tax Dodging Bill to tackle corporate tax dodging, and to make tax fair for everyone. We're calling for a law that will:

- Make it harder for big companies to dodge UK taxes and ensure they're not getting unfair tax breaks
- Ensure UK tax rules don't encourage big companies to avoid tax in developing countries
- Make the UK tax regime more transparent and tougher on tax dodging.

Take action now and [sign our petition!](#)

## PRAY

### Beckoning God

who called the rich to travel towards poverty,  
the wise to embrace your folly,  
the powerful to know their own frailty;  
who gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land  
and to stargazers true light and vision as they bowed to earth -  
we lay ourselves open to your signs for us.

Stir us with holy discontent over a world  
which gives its gifts to those  
who have plenty already  
whose talents are obvious  
whose power is recognised;  
and help us  
both to share our resources with those who have little  
and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us.

Rise within us, like a star,  
and make us restless  
till we journey forth  
to seek our rest in you.

**Amen.**

## Final Notes

We are happy to include information on any Christian Aid events you are planning in this update and on our website. Please send any information to [jperry@christian-aid.org](mailto:jperry@christian-aid.org) including:

- date
- time
- short event description
- cost (if applicable)
- contact details for more information

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Count Your Blessings is the debut full length album by Bring Me The Horizon. The album was released in the United Kingdom on October 30, 2006. However, it wasn't released in the United States until nearly a year later in August 2007. Two music videos were released from Count Your Blessings: "Pray for Plagues" and "For Stevie Wonder's Eyes Only (Braille)". The Count Your Blessings Hot-Topic includes "Eyeless" which is a cover from Slipknot. "Count Your Blessings" Q&A. count your blessings. 2 years ago 2 years ago. Hip-hop & Rap.