A photograph of three women smiling and holding up forms. The woman on the left is wearing a blue bucket hat and sunglasses. The woman in the middle is wearing glasses and has a red heart sticker on her cheek. The woman on the right is wearing a dark clerical collar. They are all holding forms that feature a grid of yellow stars and the Christian Aid logo. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with a framed picture on the wall.

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Becoming a
Christian Aid
Church Rep:
Building the Kingdom of God



Jesus invites us all to be part of building his Kingdom. Being a Christian Aid Church Rep is one of the ways that Philip John (pictured above) responds to this call. 'In this role, **I'm serving my church, serving God and being good news** to the poor,' he says.

Thanks to Philip's ministry as a Church Rep, his church has come to a new understanding of what it means to follow Jesus and model his care for the poor. Last year, Philip organised a fundraising concert and raised £225.



Support like this, given by churches in Britain and Ireland, is transforming lives. In Colombia, Liduvina Miranda is overjoyed that she now can provide enough food for her children, thanks to our partner Corambiente.



It costs Corambiente £243 to establish a kitchen garden for a family and train women how to grow healthy fruit and vegetables. Now Liduvina grows nourishing food for her children and shares seedlings from her garden with other women in her community. 'I'm so happy Corambiente came to help us,' she says. '**They came with love** to bring us seeds and plants.'



Our Christian Aid Church Reps inspire their churches to give, act and pray for a better world.

With your help, your church can be part of this Kingdom-building movement.

What does it mean to be a Church Rep?

As a Church Rep, you can help your church to uncover God's heart for the poor by transforming the lives of people in poverty. You will be the main contact person between your church and Christian Aid, so we can work together in fellowship for a world that looks more like God's Kingdom.





My Church Rep to-do list

Once a month...

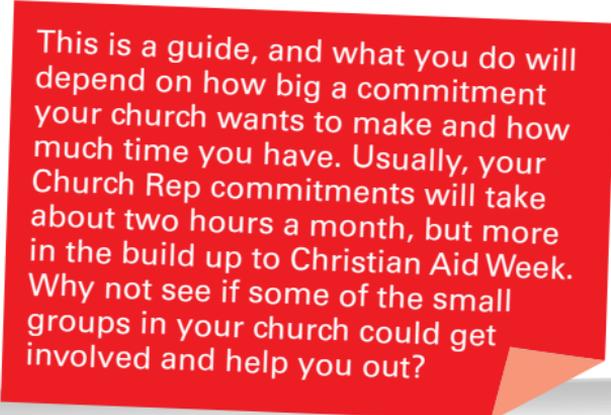
- Read the latest church contact email and let my church leaders know what's in it.
- Use Christian Aid's prayer diary to pray with my church.

Once a quarter...

- Take a campaign action and get others in my church to do so, too.
- Update my church on what's new at Christian Aid with a poster, short talk or time of prayer.

Once a year...

- Organise Christian Aid Week activities – get my whole church on board to give, act and pray.
- Organise a fundraising event or hold a collection for Christian Aid, for instance at Christmas.



This is a guide, and what you do will depend on how big a commitment your church wants to make and how much time you have. Usually, your Church Rep commitments will take about two hours a month, but more in the build up to Christian Aid Week. Why not see if some of the small groups in your church could get involved and help you out?

Christian Aid Week

During the second week of May each year, thousands of churches fundraise for Christian Aid Week. It's one of the biggest acts of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland. For thousands of churches, it's a way of getting out into their local communities, answering Jesus' call to help people in need and being part of building his Kingdom.

You and your church can choose how you want to take part, but here are some tried and tested ideas for fundraising events from Church Reps around the country.



Big Breakfast – invite people to break bread with you one morning for a small donation.

Scoot for a hoot – hold races on mobility scooters and charge entry!

Have a collection
at your local station
or supermarket.

Go collecting house to house.

Organise a sale – jumble, cake,
book... it's up to you!

**Ask keen gardeners to open
up their gardens** to the
public in return for
a donation.



**Hold an auction
of promises** – ask
people to donate their
time or skills and see how
much others 'bid' for it.

**Arrange a dinner and
dance** and charge
for tickets.



Your local team will support you every step of the way. We'll be in touch to make sure you have everything you need, and to invite you to events happening in your area. You'll have the chance to learn more about our work, meet new people and share ideas. You can also find out about events near you at christianaid.org.uk/inyourarea

Other ways to get involved

Campaign with us!

Your church can be part of tackling the systems and structures that keep people poor. We'll send you information about our campaigns for tax justice and on climate change. You can encourage people to sign Christian Aid campaign postcards, write to their MP or even host campaigning events for your local community.



Share ideas with other local Church Reps

Your church can achieve great things, and by working with other churches we can achieve even more. We can put you in touch with other Church Reps in your area.





Be an emergency church

Commit to pray and hold a collection when disaster strikes to help Christian Aid reach those in need.



'But strive first for the **kingdom** of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' Matthew 6:33

Next steps

Talk to your church leadership about becoming your church's Christian Aid Rep.

Then fill in the form overleaf and return it to us. Alternatively you can email us at churchrep@christian-aid.org

We'll be in touch to get you started!



'All I can say is thank you. All the hard work you are doing by your hand can be seen here. As much as the world, the sky, I thank you so much. All those people are doing this in charity, out of love.'
Wahid Babakr, Iraq

**‘WHOM SHALL
I SEND,
and who will
go for us?’**

**AND I SAID,
‘Here am I;
send me!’**

Isaiah 6:8

Yes, I'd like to be the Christian Aid Rep for my church

Name of church: _____

Church address: _____

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Your postcode: _____

Home no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Your email address: _____

Please complete if you are happy to receive emails from Christian Aid

Year of birth: _____

(This is optional, but by giving this information we can tailor our support to help you in your Church Rep role).

Christian Aid will not pass your details on to any other organisation. If you already receive information from Christian Aid we will continue to send it unless you tell us otherwise by writing to us at PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT. If you are new to Christian Aid, please tick here if you do not want to receive information from us.

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