Abseil  Find a local organised abseil event and get sponsored to go over the edge for Christian Aid. If you’re interested in holding a sponsored abseil at your church, contact your local Christian Aid office.

Afternoon tea  Invite friends, family or colleagues around for some tea and cake, in exchange for donations to support the fight to end poverty.

Antiques roadshow  Find experts to donate their time. Charge for entrance and valuations. Maybe you could link up with an antiques fair and charge stallholders for their pitches.

Art exhibition  Ask local artists or photographers to donate their work. Stage an exhibition or auction, and charge an entrance fee and commission.

Auction of talents  Set up a table for things that people make – for example, cakes, knitting and glasswork – and also auction off services, such as a cookery class, gardening or music tutoring.

Bad tie/shirt day  Choose the day and ask your colleagues, or members of your group, to come in wearing their loudest tie or shirt. Ask for a donation to take part, and reward the winner.

Bake-off  Get people to submit their chocolate brownies and Victoria sponges for judging! Charge for submissions and for selling the cakes afterwards. This can work well when held alongside a traditional bake sale and could generate some local media coverage.

Bake sale  Call on the baking skills of everyone you know and sell buns, scones and cupcakes. Have a bake sale alongside another event, such as a coffee morning.

Barn dance  Hold it in a real barn, if you can, and hire a good band. Recruit a caller who knows all the dances and can instruct those with two left feet. Charge for admission and refreshments. Make sure you sell enough tickets in advance, not just on the door.

Battle of the bands/choirs  A contest for local bands or singing groups. Charge entry and invite friends, family and the local community.

Benefit performance  Put on a show, concert or performance in aid of Christian Aid. You could ask local musical groups to perform. Raise money by charging an entry fee.

Big Brekkie  Order a Christian Aid Big Brekkie pack, full of ideas and guidance on how to organise your own delicious breakfast event. Go to caweek.org/bigbrekkie or caweek.ie for more details.

Bike ride  You name the distance and the route and get sponsored to cycle it. Don’t forget safety precautions, and wear a helmet. Invite some friends along to cycle with you. Or join one of our organised cycle challenges at caid.org.uk/cycling or christianaid.ie/cycling.

Book/DVD club  Collect unwanted books and DVDs, and charge people to hire them. Send the money you collect to Christian Aid at the end of the year.

Book sale  Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Secondhand bookshops may buy leftover stock.

Bridge evening  Play cards and charge an entrance fee per pair of players. You could include a glass of wine and a light supper or nibbles.

Bring and buy sale  Sell anything and everything. People donate their items to sell and spend a few pounds on something else while they are there.

Bungee jump  Find an organised event and take the plunge for Christian Aid. Email events@christian-aid.org to let us know when you have signed up to your bungee jump.

Burns Night  Celebrate the famous Scottish bard Robert Burns. Hold a traditional Burns supper or try your own modern twist.
**Caption competition** Take a photo of people in your church (perhaps the minister/vicar) doing something unusual, and then get everyone to submit a caption for a donation. The winner receives a token prize.

**Car boot sale** Cash in your old belongings. Or organise a sale yourself, at your local village/community hall, and charge for tables.

**Car wash** Wash cars at shopping centres or office car parks and ask for donations.

**Carol singing** Entice people along with the promise of mince pies and a seasonal drink.

**Ceilidh** See Barn dance.

**Cheese party** Host a fundraising party serving a delicious selection of cheeses. You could also make some jars of homemade chutney for people to buy.

**Childhood party** Invite all your grown-up friends to play the old favourites: musical chairs, pass the parcel or pin the tail on the donkey. Charge for entry and sell childhood refreshments too.

**Children’s fun day** Parents pay for children to take part. Arrange entertainment, face painting, races, etc.

**Christmas cards** Instead of sending printed cards this year, why not send your friends, family and colleagues Christmas card emails – and ask them to do the same. Donate the money you would have spent on cards to Christian Aid.

**Cinema screening** Could your local cinema be persuaded to do a preview for Christian Aid? Increase the price of the ticket by a couple of pounds/euros. Have a Christian Aid display in the foyer.

**Cocktail evening** Sell tickets for a cocktail evening in your own home. Include one cocktail in the price; additional glasses for a donation. Be as creative as you like with your cocktail concoctions and invent some delicious mocktails too.

**Coffee morning** Organise a coffee morning and catch up with friends, family or colleagues. Invite your guests, drink coffee and eat cake, all while raising money to support the fight to end poverty.

**Coins** Collect 1p and 2p pieces from all of your friends. Take these to your local Christian Aid office or straight to the bank. Or give out tubes of Smarties and ask kids to collect £1/€1 coins for Christian Aid in them, when they’ve finished all the sweets.

**Community Partnership** Apply to undertake a Christian Aid Community Partnership and support a specific Christian Aid project. If you commit to raising £5,000, this will be match-funded by the EU. Get in touch with your local office to find out more.

**Concerts** Getting publicity and selling tickets is vital! Bands, orchestras and choirs are often on the lookout for opportunities to perform for good causes and in good venues, on an expenses-only basis. You just need to ask!

**Curry club** Make a big curry and bring it into work once a week. Charge people £5/€5 for a portion. Take orders on a Monday and bring the curry in on a Friday.

**Dance-off** Organise a dancing competition – create your own theme (for example, countries in which Christian Aid offers support).

**Darts match** Charge an entry fee and offer refreshments and a few added extras. Make it fun – women versus men, left-handed throws only, etc.

**Diet** Get sponsored to lose weight, £1 for a pound or a euro for a kilo!

**Disco** Book a local venue and DJ, and invite people to enjoy some dancing. You could do a themed night, such as ‘80s music or Abba.

**Dog walking** Charge your neighbours and friends for the service. Or organise a sponsored dog walk.

**Don’t drink** If you normally enjoy a tipple or two, get sponsored to give up alcohol – perhaps over New Year, or a longer period.
**Down Under day** Celebrate all things Australian. Hold a barbecue and ask people to dress up like surfers or in beachwear. Ask everyone to pay an entry fee.

**Drawing competition** Get local artists involved, or a local school. Pick a Christian Aid theme.

**Dress down day/Dress up day** A fundraising idea for work, school, church or youth group. Have a themed day (for example black tie, wellie Wednesday or T’ai Chi Tuesday).

**Duck race** Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge into your local river. The duck to finish first wins. Make sure you get permission from the relevant authorities in your area.

**Exhibition** Get local arts and crafts groups (painters, wood turners, jewellery or knick-knack makers, etc) to hold an exhibition of their work. Request an admission fee and ask exhibitors to pay for their pitch or give a commission to Christian Aid.

**Expeditions** Find out about our treks at caid.org.uk/trekking or christianaid.ie/trekking.

**Expert talk** Use an expert, or well-known personality, prepared to donate their time. Charge for admission. Build in an opportunity to sell refreshments and auction the speaker’s latest book, invention or autograph.

**Face painting** Great to do alongside another event, such as a gala or fête.

**Fashion show** Organise your own, or invite a local dress shop to loan/donate clothes. You could make it an ethical fashion show, featuring only ethically made clothes.

**Festivals** Choose a theme: craft, drama or flowers. You’ll need a team of volunteers to design and create displays, sell programmes, serve refreshments and organise stall sales.

**Fêtes** Local celebrities will help draw in crowds. There is a lot of work, planning and costs involved – but the rewards are great.

**Football match** Hold a collection at half time.

**Fun day** Hold a family fun day at work. Include an It’s a Knock Out-style competition.

**Fun runs** Organise your own. You decide the venue and the distance. Try to get a local personality to start the event off or even to compete. If you don’t have time for this, book a place in an officially organised event and ask friends for sponsorship. Email events@christian-aid.org when you’ve signed up for your run.

**Games** Have some gaming fun with your friends playing Twister, Jenga or team Trivial Pursuit. Charge an entry fee to join the fun and offer a prize to the winner.

**Garage sale** Have a clear out at home, and make money selling your unwanted belongings.

**Gardening** Offer your gardening services to friends and family.

**Gift Aid it!** If you’re in the UK, add an additional 25p to every £1 raised, by using Gift Aid envelopes or forms. Contact your local office for these.

**Go-karting** Get people to sponsor the laps. Charge entry fees for those taking part and those coming to watch. Give the winner (and maybe the loser) a prize.

**Golf** Run an open day or tournament. Ask a golf club to sponsor the event for you and invite club members and local businesspeople. Organise a quiz and auction in the evening.

**Greek night** Lay on Greek food, wine and dancing in your church hall.
Greeting cards Make cards for every occasion and sell them.

Guess the baby Ask your colleagues or congregation to bring in baby photos. Pin them on a board and ask for donations to guess who is who.

Hair-raising challenge Shave your head or beard, or dye your hair bright red. Get sponsored for ruining your treasured locks.

Hat sale Invite everyone to donate their old hats and then come and buy a new one.

Instant fundraiser quiz Use this to boost your fundraiser. Order your instant fundraiser quiz from events@christian-aid.org, or your local office.

International evening A buffet dinner, with each friend bringing a different dish. Perhaps focus on a single country in which Christian Aid works. You could get in touch with your local office to see if a Christian Aid speaker could come and speak about that country.

Ironing Offer your ironing services at 25p/25c an item.

Jam sale Make and sell homemade jam.

Jelly-eating competition Great fun for the kids. Ask for donations to take part and to watch.

Jewellery making Buy your own beads and sell what you create.

Jewellery recycling Collect old jewellery from friends, family and church congregations and recycle it, with proceeds going to Christian Aid. Visit recyclingforgoodcauses.org for more information.

Join in Piggyback on an existing event in your community (for example, a fun fair or school fête), and run a stall or activity.

Karaoke night Get budding singers to thrash out their favourite number. Offer a prize for the best and worst performances.

Knitting Put your needles together and knit items to sell.

LAN party Raise funds by getting together with your friends for a local area network gaming night with your Xbox or PlayStation. Pay to take part in the tournament and get sponsorship for each game you win.

Left-handed day Get sponsorship for doing everything with your left hand for a day (or your right hand if you are left-handed to start with)!

Lent Download your Count Your Blessings calendar at caid.org.uk/lent or christianaid.ie/lent, and encourage your friends to take part too.

Look-a-like Ask people to take part in a look-a-like contest and give a prize to the winner. Take an entry fee from participants and charge for people to attend. This works well alongside a fête or other event.
Marathon Get sponsored to run 26.2 miles! Dress up in something silly to raise a little bit more. Visit caid.org.uk/running or christianaid.ie/running to find your own run and email events@christian-aid.org to let us know so we can support you on your marathon journey.

Market stall Book a pitch at your local market. Sell fruit and vegetables from your garden or unwanted items from your home.

Massage Charge friends and family for a relaxing massage.

Masterclass Is there something you’re good at? Dressmaking? Scone baking? Changing a tyre? Why not organise a small class to show other people how to do it? Charge them a fee.

Matched giving Ask your workplace to match what you fundraise.

Memory meal Transport yourself back to the ’60s, ’50s or ’40s. Dress in the style of the day, put on the right music and cook some dishes of the decade.

Murder-mystery night Dress the part to make it more fun! Charge for taking part, and find out who dunnit.

Music and drinks evening Organise a recital at your local stately home or in someone’s summer garden.

No-smoking week Get sponsored to give up and get healthy! You could also donate the money you save.

Non-uniform day Liaise with the headteacher about a Christian Aid dress-down day for kids at school. Each child makes a donation to take part.

Offer a ride If you have a vintage car, motor trike, pony, tractor, or other interesting transport, you might want to offer rides for a donation and give the proceeds to Christian Aid.

Open garden Hold a party or an open garden event. Choose your own or other local gardens that people would like to visit. Have stalls, games, refreshments and any other added extras.

Outgrown exchange A sale of children’s clothes, books or toys.

Party! ’60s, ’70s, ’80s – it’s time to dress up and raise money too!

Plant sale Next time you’re planting seedlings or taking cuttings, why not double the quantity and have a plant sale later in the year?

Poetry recital Submit poetry on poverty issues and do readings of the top 10. Charge £5 to enter.

Present Aid Give the gift of a goat or a chicken or a bike… Contact Christian Aid for a Present Aid catalogue or visit presentaid.org or presentaid.ie and give a gift that keeps on giving.

Pub games evening Teams pay to enter for dominoes, skittles, darts, pool, quizzes, etc. Have plenty of fun prizes and charge for refreshments.
Quintessentially British day Get out the tea and scones and celebrate some aspects of Britishness for the day. Ask for an entry fee. Give prizes for the best fancy dress.

Quiz Organise a quiz and hold it at work, school or in the local community.

Radio campaign Your local radio station may help by broadcasting appeals or adopting your fundraising idea for a Christmas appeal.

Read-a-thon Over the course of a week, get together with members of your church and do a sponsored read of the Bible.

Running Find a local running event, book a place and ask friends for sponsorship. Email events@christian-aid.org to let us know which run you have signed up to. Alternatively, you can visit caid.org.uk/running or christianaid.ie/running to sign up for a run at which Christian Aid already has places.

Santa Dash Find a local Christmas fun run and run for Christian Aid. Email events@christian-aid.org when you have registered to let us know.

Sausage sizzler Fire up the BBQ and invite friends and family to make a donation in exchange for sausages, burgers and buns. You could even ask your local supermarket to donate the food for free.

Scrabble competition Dust off your old board game and charge people to enter.

Skydiving Jump out of a plane for Christian Aid and ask friends and family to sponsor you.

Solidarity sleepout Invite a group from your church, youth group or family to spend a night sleeping out, raising sponsorship for people who have no place to call home. Find out more at caid.org.uk/sleepout

Soup lunch Hold a soup lunch at work, home, church or school. Serve bowlfuls of a simple soup and ask your guests for donations.

Sponsored events Always popular. Try something a little unusual, such as a sponsored technology ban or a wheelchair race.

Sponsored swim Kids and adults can swim sponsored distances. The swim can be done in a day, or choose a more challenging distance like 5 miles to swim in a month.

Sports events Do you belong to a sports club? Why not persuade them to hold a charity day? People could pay to enter a competition.

St Patrick’s Day Host an Irish-themed celebration on 17 March with traditional music, dancing and poetry accompanied by stew and apple tart.

Stars in their eyes Get your friends to dress up like someone famous and then sing. Charge people for singing and for attending.

Stay-awake-a-thon How long will you last? Ask for sponsorship for each hour you stay awake. The longer you last, the more you’ll raise!

Stay silent Get sponsored to keep quiet. The longer you stay silent, the more money you raise.

Supermarket collection Arrange a date to fundraise at your local supermarket. Ask your local office for more information on how to organise this.

Super Swish Swishing is the easy way to update your wardrobe! It’s guilt-free shopping, great for the environment. See caid.org.uk/swish for more information.
**Take the stairs** If you work in a tall building, ask for sponsorship to take the stairs every day for a week. Or make the lift out of bounds for a day, and charge colleagues for using the lift rather than the stairs.

**Taxi** Drive your friends around for a fee!

**Teddy bears’ picnic** Charge for entry and organise some fun children’s activities like a clown, face painting, etc.

**Ten pin bowling** Hire lanes at your local bowling alley, and charge teams to fill them. Your local venue might even offer special charity rates. Sell refreshments and even ask the bowlers to raise sponsorship – the more pins they knock over, the more they raise.

**Theatre preview** Could your local theatre or amateur dramatics society be persuaded to do a preview to support Christian Aid?

**Treasure hunt** Organise a treasure hunt around your town. Walk or cycle from clue to clue in search of hidden treasure. Charge people to enter, and ask a local business to donate a prize to the winning team.

**Triathlon** Register for a local triathlon and ask friends to sponsor you. Email events@christian-aid.org to let us know when you have signed up.

**Underwear out** Wear your underwear on the outside for a day and ask your friends for sponsorship. Make sure it’s clean!

**Uniform day** Get all your colleagues to wear a uniform to work for the day. Everyone makes a donation for the privilege!

**Unwanted gifts** Ask friends to donate items and have a sale.

**Valet service** Run a valet service for cars. Clean inside and out, for a donation.

**Variety show** Organise a show night with comedians, magicians, singers, dancers and musicians all under one roof.

**Visits** Organise a visit to local places and tourist destinations, and charge people for the day.

**Walk** Organise your own sponsored walk or join one of ours. Visit caid.org.uk/walks or christianaid.ie/walking or ask your local office for more information.

**Wedding dress exhibition** How many ladies in your congregation still have their wedding dresses? Hold a wedding dress exhibition in your church, charging an entry fee, and serve canapés. Include wedding photos and written recollections from the bride and/or groom.

**Win a day off!** Ask your boss to auction a day off work.

**Wine-tasting evening** Spend an evening tasting fine wines. Ask attendees to pay an entry fee. Provide wine and nibbles. Try and get the wine donated by local retailers.
X Factor Run a singing competition and have a panel of judges, as on the famous TV show. Charge people to enter and for tickets to watch.

Yes day Say yes to everyone’s demands (within reason!) and ask people to sponsor you to do so.

Yoga marathon For the very supple! Be sponsored for doing yoga over a long session, or hold a massive class and charge entry.

Youthful dress down day Come to work dressed in what you wore when you were 16. Everyone will be getting out those platforms, tank tops, shoulder pads and leg warmers to have a laugh at those youth fashion fads.

Zip wire Find a local, organised zip-line event and get your adrenaline pumping. Email events@christian-aid.org to let us know when you’ve signed up to your zip wire.

Zumba Ask a local Zumba instructor if they will donate their time to teach a Zumba class. You could charge people to take part or make the class extra long and ask participants to find sponsorship.

Whatever you decide to do, you will be supporting the world’s poorest communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

Don’t forget to keep us in the loop with your fundraising plans by emailing us at events@christian-aid.org, especially if you’ve registered for a sponsored event.

For more information on fundraising your way for Christian Aid go to caid.org.uk/yourway or christianaid.ie/yourway, or to contact your local Christian Aid office, visit caid.org.uk/regions or christianaid.ie.

Good luck with your fundraising and thank you for your support.