



Kingshill Parish Church – Service Sheet Monday 13th May 2024



This week lots of volunteers will be out delivering envelopes in our community to raise money for Christian Aid. You can give by handing in an envelope or paying into our e-envelope using this link [Kingshill Parish Church Christian Aid Fundraiser - Christian Aid Fundraise](#) or the QR code. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Opening Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever ... Amen.

Call to Worship

God’s love for each of us exceeds what we can imagine.
We are called to live out that love in service to one another.

Monday 13 th	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th	Thursday 16 th	Friday 17 th
154: How great thou art	152: Praise the Lord	694: Brother, sister	561: Blessed Assurance	555 Amazing Grace
Compassion Hymn – Keith & Kirstyn Getty https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMR85VnEluM Mighty to Save- Maranatha Music https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HLVnPjbSal Goodness of God – Bethel Music https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f4MUUMWMV4				

God’s Word

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Psalm 48	Psalm 49:1-11	Psalm 49:12-20	Psalm 50:1-13	Psalm 50:14-23

Aline’s Story – Christian Aid

In Burundi, malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water. For Aline, life was a constant struggle. She was married young and gave birth to her eldest son, Fisto, when she was just 14 years old. Aline experienced constant abuse at the hands of her violent husband.

A few years later, Aline faced even more devastation. Her husband married another woman, forcing Aline to flee. He prevented her from taking their children with her, and in a further act of cruelty, told the local community that Aline was mentally ill and unable to care for her children.
“I wandered the streets, asking anyone for a place to sleep. Those who showed me kindness would let me stay for two or three days, but it was difficult. People would insult me and treat me with contempt. They forgot I was a human being. It filled me with sorrow.”Aline Nibogora.

Hungry, scorned and alone, Aline took her first step towards her new life. She started by participating in a transformative three-day community workshop, funded by Christian Aid. *‘I came out with amazing knowledge and skills. The trainer restored a sense of hope and energy in me,’ says Aline.*

She was taught how to form a Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and establish a steady income. VSLAs mean people can save for their future and borrow money to kickstart small rural businesses. With all she had learned, Aline’s dream of getting her children back finally felt possible. With a small start-up loan, Aline started trading avocados and peanuts locally. With her profits, she bought a bicycle so she could transport greater quantities of goods to markets further afield. Eventually, her hard work had finally paid off, and she had earned the money she needed to rent a house.

Once Aline secured a home for herself, her three eldest sons were able to escape their father and join her. They told Aline that their father had abused them and sent their three young siblings to live with different members of his family. Aline still hopes that she'll be reunited with her youngest children in time.

Today, Aline lives peacefully on her own plot of land in a remote village in the Kayogoro Commune in Makamba Province. She's baked her own bricks and is building a strong home for her and her children in every sense. Now Aline can afford food, clothes and essential healthcare for her family. She's also purchased solar panels so her children can do their evening homework by electric light.

Of course, Burundi continues to be one of the toughest places on earth to live. The future is uncertain, and challenges wait for families like Aline's around every corner. When a ferocious storm destroyed Aline's home, almost killing her and her children, she was able to recover by selling the cows she'd been keeping. Now when crisis threatens her family's survival, Aline has options.

Even a small business can provide just enough resilience to weather the most brutal of storms here in Burundi. Aline can not only look ahead to her children's future now, but her own too. Naturally, Aline wants security as she ages.

In the next five years she hopes to expand her current wholesale business by selling a range of goods, so that one day she can buy a mill. This will provide a source of income without the need to transport heavy goods over long distances.

Aline told us: 'This is not a dream. It is a plan, and I will do it. I am a woman who is an achiever.'

Aline's long and difficult journey out of extreme poverty began with a little support, knowledge and faith from Christian Aid supporters like you.

'When we see Christian Aid, we feel comforted; we feel we are not alone. You helped us to change our poor living conditions. I really thank you from the very bottom of my heart.' Aline.

A Prayer for Christian Aid Week 2024

Loving God,
Help us to hear the voices of those enduring extreme poverty.
It is hard to listen to stories of pain.
Show us how compassion for others can bring healing and fullness of life for all.
Help us to understand that we are one through your love,
for every human being is loved by you, beyond measure.

Loving God,
you call on us to build your kingdom of justice, mercy, and truth.
It isn't a task for the faint-hearted.
When we lose our sense of purpose, fill us with faith.
When we doubt or throw up our hands in despair, fill us with hope.
When we pass by our neighbour as though we did not know them,
Fill us with the love that turns us back and takes us to their aid.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Benediction

May we persevere in faith,
May we go out in hope,
May we act and speak with love,
By the grace of God, our creator, redeemer, and comforter,
Amen.

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