

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 10-17 May 2025

Christian Aid is a relief and development charity of 41 Christian (Protestant and Orthodox) churches in Great Britain and Ireland, and works to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

This year, Christian Aid – which is marking its 80th anniversary – is focussing its flagship appeal on work in Guatemala, in Central America, where climate change is causing the seasons to intensify and shift erratically.

Christian Aid Week 2025, running from May 10–17, will focus on supporting communities in Guatemala, particularly those facing the impacts of climate change and food insecurity. As a result, farming communities have to battle severe floods and, more recently, ferocious heatwaves. Water sources are drying up and vital crops are failing, plunging farming families into hunger and poverty.

Amelia is 24 and a mother of two from the Alta Verapaz region. She said the situation is very worrying: "In the past three years, we have been experiencing high heat and a lack of rain. One of the biggest issues is the lack of water...My plantations have been dying... and there is no food for my family."

Despite the challenges families are facing, the unstoppable power of hope drives people to look for ways to push back.

The campaign aims to raise funds and awareness to help farmers and communities in Guatemala build resilience through sustainable farming practices and climate-resilient agriculture.

Christian Aid has been working with organisations like, Coordinación de ONG y Cooperativas, to offer training and tools so farmers can diversify and grow more resilient crops, build water recycling systems, and create organic fertiliser.

When Amelia discovered these initiatives, she put herself forward as a community representative, attending training sessions and bringing the learning back, to train other women in her community. She also raises awareness about the environment, discouraging people from littering, and encouraging people not to sell their land.

Every year, Christian Aid shines a light on people like Amelia and the efforts of local organisations to work with them towards a better future.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Saturday 10th May to Saturday 17th May (and after)



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Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the following events. Help the people of Guatamala. Your gift can change lives!!

Saturday 10th May 10.00am - 2.00pm Christian Community Centre Coffee and Lunch

Saturday 17th May

8.00am - 10.00am 10.00am - 12 noon Christian Community Centre Big Brekkie and Coffee Breakfast Coffee Bring-and-Buy Plant Stall and Cakes

## Monday 19th May

9.30am - 11.00am 11.00am onwards 3 Cumber Close with Judy Lee Phone 01803 858483 to book a place for breakfast

Breakfast Coffee morning