



Real people.  
Real change.

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years

This year's Christian Aid Week will be different again, for the second year now, due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are unable to join together at Church for our coffee morning, shared lunch and have collections at Eastcote Station and outside the local shops.

However, Christian Aid continues to work tirelessly around the world to support those in poverty. They are involved in rolling out the COVID 19 vaccination in developing countries, and in providing soap, masks and sanitiser to vulnerable families, who cannot afford these essentials, they can barely afford to eat.

### **Christian Aid Week**

**10 -16 May 2021**

**'The Climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices we face. Together we can stop this climate crisis. This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day'**

(source: Christian Aid website)

### **Rose's Story**

(From Christian Aid website)



Rose is caught in a cycle of climate chaos. From severe drought to flooding, extreme weather robs her of what she needs to survive: a reliable source of water.

When she was a child, Rose remembers how often the rains would fall, giving fruit to the baobab trees and providing plenty of nutritious food to eat.

'When I was a young girl, there was plenty of food,' Rose says. Now, the rains are totally unreliable. The climate crisis has galvanised extreme weather and Rose's community are feeling the brunt of it. **For months at a time, Rose and her family lives with drought.**

Because of climate change, I worry a lot about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be.

Even when the rains do come, relief for Rose is often short lived.

There is a nearby earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home. It should be a lifeline. But it's not wide enough or deep enough for everyone's needs. It runs out of water too quickly.

Imagine how dispirited Rose must feel watching the rain fall for days, only to find the dam empty just a short while later.

What's more, the rains are much heavier than they should be, putting Rose's community at risk of flooding.

Rose is over 60 years old and simply won't have the strength to fetch water from further afield for much longer. **We need to fight this climate crisis together.**

I believe God gives me strength and helps me persevere. I pray that God will help people to help me.

- Rose Katanu Jonathan.

'With a reliable source of water, people like Rose would be free from long, painful journeys. They would be able to grow fresh vegetables to eat. And they would be able to protect themselves from the dangers of coronavirus. With such dire need, every last drop of water that falls in Rose's community is precious.'

This Christian Aid Week, will you stand with people like Rose for every last drop and help them fight the climate crisis?



**Every.**

**Last.**

**Drop.**

Together we **STOP** this climate crisis

**Rose still needs your help this Christian Aid week**

**For Rose, every last drop of water is precious.**  
This Christian Aid Week, you could help Rose's family survive the drought.  
Donate to help her community build a dam.  
Go to [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

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Thank you

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