

Filling the "G.A.P." in East Cardiff during Christian Aid Week 2023

The busy East Cardiff Christian Aid Group made a terrific effort once more this year during Christian Aid Week.

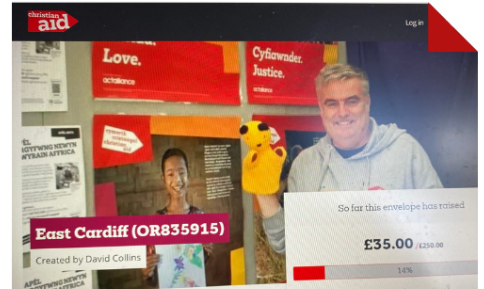
Drawing upon the key messages of Give, Act and Pray, here are some of the highlights from a busy week in the Welsh capital.

GIVE

The Group has established excellent relationships with local schools, whose pupils take envelopes home at the start of Christian Aid Week to provide an opportunity to donate.

A digital envelope was also produced which, thanks to the wonders of social media, was shared extensively with local groups and individuals.

Envelopes and pots were given out at local churches while a small clutch of envelopes were also set aside for traditional house-to-house collections.



ACT

The group broadly operates on the footprint of the East Cardiff Ministry Area. This encompasses a wide patch across the Eastern part of the city, either side of the A48.

The Group has strong links to the Church in Wales, in the Diocese of Monmouth but is also proud of its association with the Cardiff East Ecumenical Mission Partnership.

Group coordinator David Collins said, "Several churches across the Partnership area went the extra mile to raise awareness of Christian Aid Week, quite literally 'flying the flag' in support."

"Pride of place went to St Augustine's at Rumney. Worship has taken place here since the C12. The Christian Aid flag flew proudly across the Gwent levels and Severn Estuary during Christian Week from its magnificent church tower."

Other ecumenical partners also erected banners and posters to remind passers-by that this was Christian Aid Week. Children were given badges.



PRAY

Finally, we used a special prayer published by Christian Aid to ask for encouragement and support.

David concluded, "The hard part starts now as we set about counting the pennies. A small group has already been put in place to undertake this task."

"Let's hope the kettle is on!"

