

Christian Aid Week 12 - 18 May 2019

All mums should live

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day ten women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.



Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went into labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. Her journey was long and with every step Fatama struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told Christian Aid 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies.

Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

Jebbah's picture is on the Christian Aid red envelopes this year.

Stand with mums

If you would like to get involved with this year's Christian Aid week at St Andrew's here is what you can do:

1. Help with House-to-House collections. It is an extraordinary act

of witness – demonstrating to Mottingham that we care about ending poverty and injustice.

- 2. Come along to the **Sponsored Read-In** at St Andrew's on 18 May 2019 anytime from noon to 6.00 p.m. and read your favourite story or poem. Please sponsor those taking part in this event too.
- 3. Join the *Circle in the City Sponsored Walk* on 19 May 2019 which begins at St Mary le Bow Church. There is a pre-walk service at 1.00 p.m. During this walk you will have the opportunity to explore London's historic churches. Please sponsor those taking part in the walk.
- 4. Buying a copy of the **Book Title Quiz** Christian Aid Week's paper quiz.

Please contact **Diane Hudson** on **020 8857 0953** if you would like more information on any of the above.

The Methodist Church will be providing the Big Brekkie again on

11 May 2019.



With every envelope, every Big Brekkie, every Sponsored Walk or Read-In, every one of us can help deliver babies safely.