

CTK/Holy Cross AGM report April 2026 - CAFOD

Our parishioners have once again shown great generosity in their response to CAFOD appeals and updates this year, 2025/26. From Easter last year, the main points have been:

- £514.90 raised in a retiring collection in April in response to the earthquake in Myanmar
- Debt petition: many parishioners signed this call for debt cancellation as part of CAFOD's campaign
- £1,030.33 raised for Harvest Family Fast Day, which featured a community water supply in Ethiopia
- Gaza appeal – alongside petitions and prayers, this was a request for anyone who wished to donate to do so online, so the response is not known
- £545 was raised in the Advent appeal, based on a raffle plus the sale of some craft items
- £635 was raised by Jean and Deacon Kingsley in their Big Lent Walk
- £1,306.69 was raised in this year's Lent appeal, which showed CAFOD partners helping communities respond to extremes of water supply: drought and flood

The total response is over £4,000, which is testament to our parishioners' spirit of generosity and solidarity.

During Lent, a soup lunch was held to highlight the Fast Day appeal, and a Stations of the Cross was held using CAFOD reflections – both these were in the lounge, using the TV, which has been very effective.

CTK is a fairtrade church, and fairtrade supplies are used for regular teas and coffees, as well as for larger events. Parishioners have also continued to support the monthly sale of fairtrade goods, and the small donations left there have added up to notable additions to the Fast Day appeal totals.

CTK support to the foodbank also continues, with donations being taken there most weeks.