

News of the Fellowships

(Carey, Belmont Road and Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill)

May 2023

BELMONT ROAD

The **Coronation fun day** is on Sunday 7th May from 2pm to 5pm. We have booked a professional juggler to run two 30-minute workshops, 2pm & 3.30pm. There will also be 30-minute English Country Dancing at 2.45pm and 4.15pm. Places need to be booked so please contact Hazel Barton or Tim Keightley if interested, or if interested in submitting an item for the Art/Craft/Photography Gallery, or can contribute a cake for the refreshments. Hope to see you there.

CAREY

On Saturday 27 May, 1-4pm, Carey will be holding an '**I love Hemel Festival**'. This will include: stalls showcasing the activities of a number of community groups which use the buildings of Carey; children's activities; refreshments; table tennis and a labyrinth with an environmental theme. Everyone is welcome. Everything is free (donations invited for the refreshments). For further information, phone Colin on 01442 256433

GROVEHILL

This is the time of AGM's and other meetings which turn my heart to lead! But this year at Grovehill, we are not separating business from worship but including Officer appointing, report sharing and finance reporting as an act of worship surrounded by praise and prayer and a thanksgiving eating of sandwiches afterwards! Should anything in our lives be separated from an act of worship?



Christian Aid Week, 14-20 May

Feeling the Squeeze? Grow some peas!

The focus for this year's Christian Aid Week is the southern African country of Malawi. This beautiful country, one of the most impoverished in the world, has just suffered the effects of another tropical cyclone. This one was called Freddy. Hundreds of people have been killed, half a million people displaced from their homes and many crops have been destroyed in the flooding. Meanwhile the cost of imported food has been soaring due to poor harvests elsewhere, increased fuel prices and the war in Ukraine.

This is where Christian Aid, supported by UK churches, comes in. Christian Aid is at its most effective when disaster strikes. Through our donations and the determination and resilience of the people of Malawi, Christian Aid is busy helping families there build back their lives again. One of the projects supported by Christian Aid in Malawi is what sounds like another 'Mustard Seed Conspiracy': the 'Pigeon Pea Project'. Pigeon Peas are a drought-resistant, high-protein, soil-revitalising, low cost and delicious crop. These peas can be ground into flour to make bread and a number of other simple, nourishing recipes.



Esther is just one of the many women who has been using a community oven, purchased by a local farmers co-operative, to bake bread rolls to feed her family and to sell to her community. And the local Pea Project Farmers' Association has been able to publish a recipe book to show how versatile this crop is and to encourage others to start cultivating Pigeon Peas for themselves.

Please give to this month's Christian Aid offering to help this project, or visit the Christian Aid website to donate money, to be inspired with fundraising ideas, or to find out more about this and other CA projects: **christianaid.org.uk**.