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THE CHURCH IN WALES CENTENARY APPEAL In Advent, at Christmas, during Epiphany

Winter 2019

To celebrate our Centenary in 2020, the Church in Wales is raising funds for two important projects close to our hearts, at home and abroad: we will support Christian Aid in South Sudan, as they work with their partner the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; and we will support Housing Justice Cymru in tackling homelessness in Wales.

Our aim is to raise £10k per year for each project, over a 5-year term. This will enable solid and consistent work on each project: peace-building in the war-torn country of South Sudan; developing church-run Night Shelters and raising awareness of how churches can help tackle homelessness and related problems here in Wales.

Please give everyone the opportunity to contribute to the Appeal this winter. Donations from individuals or church groups are welcome, and funds will be equally split between Christian Aid and Housing Justice Cymru – so you need send only ONE donation to support BOTH causes.

With special services in Advent, Christmas or Epiphany to choose from this

winter – or why not use all three! – there is plenty of scope to link our causes to seasonal themes.

- † **In Advent**, consider how long people are waiting: for peace in South Sudan, for a time when people can rebuild their lives in safety; for homeless people here, enduring another winter on the streets, or still on the waiting-list for a decent family home.
- † **At Christmas**, remember the Prince of Peace born in our midst, bringing hope to those suffering war and deprivation; remember that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were forced into a makeshift shelter when they were far from home at Jesus' birth.
- † **During Epiphany**, consider the Gifts of the Magi, and how they brought symbols of financial support, beauty and healing in the gold, frankincense and myrrh they offered to Jesus. Support the work of Christian Aid and Housing Justice Cymru in bringing comfort, security and shelter at home and abroad.

To give your gift

- † **Ask your parishioners to send a very special message this Christmas by making a donation of £5.00 via 'Instagiv'. Text CENTENARY to 70660**
- † **BACS payments to: Representative Body of the Church in Wales SC 30-91-63, account number 00244476, payment ref: CentAppeal**
- † **Cheques payable to: R.B.C.I.W. (marked for the Centenary Appeal)**