



our souls as well. Let us use our time wisely to become spiritually fitter.

Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

*Every blessing*  
*Rev Steve Swann*

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### Christian Aid Week May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>

There will be a take-away "Ploughman's Lunch", in lieu of a Hunger Lunch, again this year. Pick and choose after the morning service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May and make a donation to Christian Aid. Volunteers are needed for distribution and collection of envelopes around the village. Please see Susan Windscheffel if you can help.

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### When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

Chorus:

*And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*

*I was hungry and thirsty,  
Were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty  
Were you there?*

*I was cold, I was naked,  
Were you there, were you there.....*

*When I needed a shelter,  
Were you there, were you there.....*

*When I needed a healer,  
Were you there, were you there.....*

*Wherever you travel,  
I'll be there, I'll be there....*

*And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter,  
I'll be there.*

Written by Sidney Carter (1915-2004) for Christian Aid. This song has been included in more than 40 collections of hymns and worship songs. Carter called it a song, not a hymn, written for Christians and non-Christians alike, despite its strong Biblical basis. It has been used this year to help guide the Christian Aid Lent journey, taking a verse each week to help reflect, pray and respond to the work of Christian Aid partners and campaigns. Carter encouraged singers to make up further verses to the song. Any offers?

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The next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on  
Weds. 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 10 - 11.30am  
BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU  
*Coffee or Tea and Biscuits - 50p*  
Gifts for Cake and General Stalls  
will be appreciated.  
**Greetings Cards will be on sale**



Thank you for your support. April result - £32-69

### Transforming Society: Then and Now

A Colchester Methodist Circuit Activity Day on Social Issues on **Saturday 13th May 2017 - 9.30am - 4pm** at Highwoods Methodist Church. This event will explore the roots of social action within the Methodist Church and how we might move on in the future. There will be Bible Study ❖ Justice & Power ❖ What the papers say ❖ Our guest speaker is the Rev Paul Regan, Trustee of Citizens UK. Lunch (*Cold buffet + desserts*) is provided - £5 suggested donation. Please sign up so we can plan for numbers attending. For more information please speak to Sylvia Wilks

**Action For Children** - a sponsored walk will take place, starting from our Church Hall, on **Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>** at 10.00am. All are welcome to join in the walks (two choices - one or two hours) and sponsorship for the walkers would be welcomed. Please speak to Sylvia Wilks for more details.

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**Urgent East Africa Crisis Appeal** - Disasters Emergency Committee: Help East African People . Hunger on a massive scale is looming across East Africa. If we don't act now, it will get much worse. Drought and conflict have left 16 million people on the brink of starvation and in urgent need of food, water and medical treatment. People are already dying in South Sudan and Somalia. If you would like to donate please speak to Andrew or go to [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk).

### Manse Update

The sale of the West Bergholt Manse is being dealt with by the Colchester Methodist Circuit not our local church. The money from the sale will be used to repay the loan taken out by the Circuit to buy the new Manse at Tollgate, Stanway. The former manse will no longer have any connection to our Church so please do not deliver any Church matters there or make any Church enquiries there. For local church matters please contact Judith Fletcher (01206 241969) or Andrew Wilks (01206 242511). Our Minister, Rev Ken Chalmers, who lives in Colchester, can be contacted on 01206 545253.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat May 13<sup>th</sup> – Circuit Social Issues Activity day  
May 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid week.  
Wed. May 17<sup>th</sup> – Our Story in the Hall 10.30am  
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Sun May 28<sup>th</sup> – Contemporary worship service, 6.30pm at Wimpole Road  
Sun June 11<sup>th</sup> – Methodist Homes Sunday.  
Sat. June 17<sup>th</sup> – Action For Children walk here at West Bergholt 10.00am.

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**Copy for the June edition should be with Andrew Wilks  
by the third Sunday in May – May 21<sup>st</sup> please.**