

# Christian Aid Week – fundraising bridge walks

Fundraisers across Scotland have the choice of crossing the Forth, Tay or Erskine Bridge to help support the work of Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week.

This year on 11 May under the banner of the 'Bridge Cross Challenge', people will be donning their walking shoes, wearing red and taking part in sponsored walks across three of the country's most iconic bridges.

The annual Forth Bridge Cross was started in 1972 by the late Reverend John Carrie with support from his congregation at Queensferry Parish Church. It is now one of Scotland's longest running sponsored walks, raising over a million pounds for Christian Aid.



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Lucy Kirkland, Events Fundraising Officer for Christian Aid Scotland said: "Christian Aid supporters have been crossing the Erskine, Tay and Forth Road bridges annually for 47 years. In that time, they've raised over £1.5million for the world's poorest people. We hope that people will choose their favourite bridge, grab friends and family and help us flight poverty step by step.

"The Forth Bridge Cross has been a huge success, and this is down to the enthusiasm and commitment of people and community groups north and south of the Forth and we are forever grateful for their support".

Liz Sudlow, who is part of a group of walkers from Murrayfield Parish Church, Edinburgh said: "There is a group of us from three different churches in Murrayfield and we've been taking part for over 30 years. One of our group took part until she was over 90 and we are now carrying on her legacy and looking forward to taking part again this year".

This year, Christian Aid Week will be highlighting the work being undertaken in Sierra Leone to cut maternal deaths and improve the lives of mothers and babies. Sierra Leone is the most dangerous place in the world to give birth with one in nine children not seeing their fifth birthday.

To take part in the Forth Road Bridge Cross, which will take place on **Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 2pm**, [click here](#).



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