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Our local Christian Aid coordinator David Collins enjoyed a unique day out recently, attending a special service at Westminster Abbey to commemorate 80 years of Christian Aid. Here is his "Match Report."

The groundbreaking work of Christian Aid began in 1945, when it was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War.

For 80 years, it has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

I was thrilled to attend this special celebration at Westminster Abbey as one of around 90 people from Wales, including young learners from Llandaff City, Wick & Marcross and St Andrews Major Church in Wales Primary schools, and those at the Welsh churches in London.

Dr Cyran Llwyd, General Secretary of Cytûn/Churches Together in Wales, also took part in the service.

Power of Hope Awards

It was especially exciting to see St Andrews Major Church in Wales Primary School receive an award in the volunteers Power of Hope Awards ceremony in the afternoon. Young learners Morgan and Tomas attended the Awards to receive the award in the "Young Global Neighbours" category.

The awards ceremony featured Revd. Kate Bottley as guest co-host. Her sparkling "TV" personality helped brighten the grey skies.

The charity's Chair and Bishop of London, The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally MBE also attended as well as Chief Executive Patrick Watt. They were joined by Christian Aid Directors and Staff, Trustees and volunteers, Church Leaders and other special guests.

This wonderful day provided a fitting climax to our fundraising activity around Christian Aid Week when I was so grateful to receive support from ecumenical partners, churches, friends, family, schools and community representatives in collecting vital funds for this important charity. It really is a wonderful way to show Christian Love for your neighbours: people who you will never meet. I am delighted to announce that the total raised across our Cardiff East Group this year was a magnificent £3033.50. This amount will be increased substantially by the many donations which were Gift Aided.

Diolch yn fawr pawb!



Pupils from St Andrews Major Church in Wales Primary School with Mari McNeill, David Collins, Rebecca Elliott, Revd Kate Bottley, Revd Andrew Sully and Jennie Weaver. Photo credit: Christian Aid