Dear friends,

We read constantly of the squeeze on household finances due to the cost of living. So, a huge thank you goes to those who supported last year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal. We saw an increase in annual giving of nearly £2,500; that is amazing!

This year, sees the culmination of our three year programme of support for Christian Aid's work in Burkina Faso, helping families in rural communities to find sustainable sources of food, income and dignity; and partnering with Church Mission Society in Northern Argentina to grow new indigenous Christian leaders for ministry.

As you will read here, much has been achieved in those years, thanks to your kindness and generosity. My deep wish is that this continues over the next 12 months as together we support our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world.

This harvest season, please prayerfully discern what you can give to the Appeal and encourage people in your church to do the same as with God's grace we continue to see people's lives flourish.

With every blessing,

+Rob

Rob Saner-Haigh, Bishop of Carlisle

Donate today and help families have a brighter future, bringing hope for generations to come.

£15 helps with food and housing costs for a student staying at the CeFA centre.

£30 hires pick-up trucks to transport students from remote areas to the training centre.

£60 helps develop and deliver vital CeFA teaching materials.

For more information and resources, visit carlislediocese. org.uk or contact Stewart Fyfe

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The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2026

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Please attach this form to your gift and hand it in at your church or send to Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7XR. Cheques should be made payable to Carlisle DBF Ltd.

Thank you!

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BURKINA FASO: A STORY OF HOPE, RESILIENCE AND TRANSFORMATION

In Burkina Faso's Centre-Nord and Sahel regions, families face a dual crisis: armed conflict has displaced communities and destroyed livelihoods and climate collapse is killing crops and livestock. Families have lost their herds, their land and their means to earn.

Christian Aid is part of a consortium running a multi-year resilience-building project to reduce reliance on short-term emergency aid. Rather than treating hunger as a temporary crisis to be managed, this approach rebuilds the productive capacity families have lost.

This project provides breeding animals (chickens, sheep, goats) that families can manage, grow, and eventually sell. They also train farmers in livestock management, breeding and climate-smart agriculture techniques that work in a changing climate. They also establish village level systems for animal vaccination and health checks so knowledge isn't just one-off training but embedded in the community.

Kinda Ramata outside her home with a newly completed roof.

What's been delivered so far:

- 300 women received 11 chickens each plus complete breeding kits,
- Hundreds of families received sheep and goats for breeding and fattening,
- 4,346 agricultural kits of seeds and fertilizer were distributed to farmers needing to restart cultivation,
- 2,025 poultry farmers trained in proper livestock management, breeding, and health,
- 11 village vaccinators trained and equipped with intervention kits to provide affordable animal healthcare at the community level,
- 175 women trained in market gardening techniques and vegetable production,
- 10 boreholes rehabilitated across communes, ensuring reliable water access during droughts, critical for both households and animals.

Kinda Ramata has been part of the project and strengthened her livestock activities. She says, "Through my sheep breeding activities, I have been able to build a pigsty to start pig farming. Thanks to my previous sales, I was also able to complete the roof of our house that you can see behind me."

For Ramata, this was not simply about receiving assistance. It was about having the tools, confidence, and opportunity to build something of her own. The programme helped her move from surviving day by day to creating a future with greater stability and hope for her family. "I can say that the support of Christian Aid partners has been beneficial for me and my family."

Through your support you are helping communities in Burkina Faso to build resilient futures. Together, we can continue to stand with people who are facing some of the world's toughest challenges — and help transform hardship into hope.

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Christian Aid works with local organisations in some of the poorest communities in the world. Please support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and make sure even more people can receive our help.

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP: YOUR IMPACT IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA

Finding church leaders is a global challenge. But the Diocese of Northern Argentina faces unique hurdles across 187 churches and five distinct language groups.

In response to a critical need to equip indigenous leaders in Latin America, your donations help support the Centro de Formación Anglicano (CeFA). This centre – developed with CMS – equips indigenous students with theological and practical tools to lead their own communities. **Your partnership has turned the vision of local, sustainable leadership into a reality.**

In 2025, the first women enrolled at CeFA: 13 women from the Wichí, Toba and Chorote communities. Combining study and home-based practice, the curriculum focuses on theological and pastoral training tailored to indigenous communities. Alongside providing solid biblical knowledge, CeFA also challenges students to develop Christlike character and explore their gifts and abilities.

In December 2025, all 13 women graduated and are now serving their communities.

Iliana's Story

"I was 19 years old when I started studying at CeFa. It was my first time away from my family and my community, but God immediately showed me that I was not alone. God has strengthened my confidence, broadened my vision and grown me spiritually and personally. Through classes and daily community life, I've learned the value of fellowship, discipline and service.

"I feel grateful and strengthened, with a desire to share God's word and encourage other young people to study. As the only Chorote student, I am very proud to represent my people – this journey is not only mine, but an expression of the faith and hope of my whole community."

CeFA students study at the training centre ahead of their graduation.

Iliana (pictured with her parents) is one of 13 women who graduated from CeFA to minister in their local communities.

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

Church Mission Society seeks to see communities transformed as we make disciples of Jesus at the edges. Please support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to empower people at the edges like Luis and Jorge to reach their God-given potential among indigenous people in the Chaco.

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