



# fruits of justice

**Winnie's family lost everything when floods hit eastern Uganda in 2007. For months, her family survived on food aid and wild leaves. Winnie (now five) was often sick. Then the drought set in.**

'It was very hard,' says Winnie's foster dad, Stanley. 'I felt terrible that I could not feed my wife and children.'

'I prayed to God that He would give us the strength to get through. And God answered my prayers; He brought the Church of Uganda to us.'

Stanley and his neighbours in Odort parish, Katakwi District, are supported by the Anglican Church of Uganda to run a farming group – receiving tools and seeds, advice and training to enable them to adapt to the changing climate by successfully growing drought-resistant crops such as watermelons and sunflowers.

'We have benefited a lot,' adds Stanley with a smile from ear to ear. 'The children are all able to eat three times a day. Winnie is able to go to school.'

**'Reap the fruits of unfailing love.' Hosea 10:12**

## Country profile – Uganda

Uganda is among the world's 50 poorest countries, with one of the lowest life expectancies at just 43 years of age. It's estimated that 31% of Uganda's 30 million people live on less than \$1 per day.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately 70% of Ugandans earn their living from farming. Changes in their climate have brought hunger and malnutrition – particularly in eastern and northern parts. In the Teso region of East Uganda, floods in 2007 killed 20,000 people and wiped out crops. Poor rains in 2008, and then drought in 2009, meant thousands of people last year survived on food aid and wild leaves.



## Our response – the Climate Justice Fund

The Climate Justice Fund, set up by the Church of England with relief and development agency Tearfund, works with communities to help adapt to climate change. The Anglican Church of Uganda receives funding to equip farmers with seeds, tools, training and irrigation techniques so they can grow drought-resistant crops such as oranges, watermelons, mangoes and sunflowers. Farmers are also being encouraged to diversify into bee-keeping, poultry and livestock-rearing.



<sup>1</sup>www.allafrica.com

## A matter of justice

Cars are scarce on the dirt roads of rural Uganda. People ride bikes or walk to fetch water, tend their land or go to school or market.

In the villages, there are no TVs blaring, no kettles boiling, no washing machines whirring. In the towns, bikes and buses are the main mode of transport. Uganda doesn't have a motorway.

Average Ugandan consumption: **0.08 metric tons of carbon per person\***



Average UK consumption: **9.1 metric tons of carbon per person\***

Yet, people in Uganda are hit so much harder by climate change than we are. In a very real way, they are paying the price for our consumer lifestyles.

The Climate Justice Fund helps us express our commitment to doing something about this and to making a real difference to the lives of people with an uncertain future.

\*Source: The Little Green Data Book 2009. The World Bank.

## Sermon ideas

### Fruits of Thanksgiving

Harvest thanksgiving is a celebration to be shared (Deuteronomy 26); through generosity, a joyful harvest of praise and thanks is produced (2 Corinthians 9).

### Fruits of Justice

Justice is at the heart of true fasting (Isaiah 58) and feasting (Isaiah 5); it is the sweet fruit that God looks for.

### Fruits of Love

Practical action is the evidence of love for God (1 John 3 & 4); it reaps the fruit of faithful love (Hosea 10).

## Harvest prayer

God of the harvest,  
in a changing world  
your love is constant  
and your mercy never ends.

Fill us with thankfulness for your goodness,  
open our eyes and stir our hearts,  
that we may live more simply  
and give more generously.

Bless the work of the Anglican Church in eastern Uganda  
in enabling our brothers and sisters to grow  
drought-resistant crops  
so they may live with confidence for the future  
and reap the fruits of justice.

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## Ideas for fundraising

- 1. Hold a fruit stall:** sell fruit slices, fruit juice, fruit cakes etc after your church service.
- 2. Prepare a simple Ugandan meal:** let people experience the authentic flavours of Uganda – details and recipes online.
- 3. Walk for Winnie!** Get fit and be kind to the planet! Raise money with a sponsored walk for the whole church.

**£10** could pay for a pack of drought-resistant seeds for one household for one year



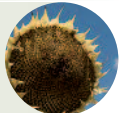
**£20** could equip a young person with entrepreneurial skills through a five-day workshop

**£100** could buy a set of tools for a demonstration tree nursery



**£800** could create eight rainwater-harvesting facilities

**£2,500** could pay the annual salary of an agricultural field worker



## How to give

There are two ways to give to the Appeal:

**Churches** can collect donations and proceeds from fundraising events and then send a cheque for the total, together with tax reclaimed via Gift Aid.

Cheques should be made payable to **St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance**.

This cheque, accompanied by the Donation Form, should be sent to: **The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal, Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD**

In addition, **individuals** can give directly to the Appeal via the website [www.harvestappeal.org](http://www.harvestappeal.org). This facility has been set up with JustGiving, who will reclaim Gift Aid automatically and pay donations directly to the Appeal.

## Taking it further

God is calling each of us to stand up against injustice.

We can reduce our carbon footprint in our churches, schools and homes. Please see 'Shrinking the Footprint' at [www.harvestappeal.org](http://www.harvestappeal.org)

We can also pray and campaign for climate finance for the countries hardest hit by climate change.

Go to [www.climatejusticefund.org](http://www.climatejusticefund.org) and [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

## More information

If you would like us to provide a speaker for a service or would like additional copies of resources, please contact Carol Chisnall at the Diocesan Office:

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There are many more resources, including PowerPoints and additional Bible themes available on the Harvest Appeal website.



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