



Christian Aid 2015

The Ruislip Christian Aid Group, comprising St Martin's, St Paul's, Ruislip Methodist, Ruislip Manor Methodist, South Ruislip Methodist and Ruislip Baptist churches, raised £14,776.50 for Christian Aid in 2016. This is the highest ever achieved.

This was made up of:

- Envelope Collections £6971.32
- Station, Supermarket and High Street Bucket Collections
£1236.52
- Sales of Warehouse Fashion Samples £6568.66

St Martin's Church raised £1811.17 of the envelope collection total. This was the third consecutive year that the total has fallen and reflects not only the difficulty Jack Sheen has been having in getting collectors and but also changing attitudes to doorstep calls.

The Station, Supermarket and High Street collection was greater than for 3 years and probably reflects the overall economic recovery in the UK. 21 different people filled 55 one hour collecting slots over 3 days, including from 7am to 7pm at Ruislip station. One person covered 25% of the slots because of a lack of further volunteers

Two sales of Warehouse sample fashion items were organised by members of the St Martin's congregation in 2016, one in St Martin's Church Hall and another one in the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church in Sydenham. Grace Keys, who patiently sorts out every item donated, gets first dibs and she sold further samples to herself, family and close friends at home at the same price as listed in the other two sales. Amounts raised were

- St Martin's Church Hall £3742.00
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church Hall £1997.05
- Keys Home Sales £1099.61

An excellent effort overall by St Martin's and the other churches.

Jack Sheen