

General Election web copy:

## **Change is made by those who show up**

The long anticipated 2024 UK General Election is upon us, where the people hoping to represent you in the next UK Parliament will be vying for your vote. What an opportunity this presents us with!

A new Parliament offers a fresh start to build relationships with MPs and show them what you and your church expects of them.

In Northern Ireland whilst our MPs are unlikely to form part of the new government, they can still play an important role in holding the new government to account and communicating their constituents priorities. Let's use this election period to tell the candidates that we want them to use their position to act on poverty.

You may receive a visit from candidates on your doorstep or you might get a leaflet through the door. Please consider asking your candidates the following questions either in person or by writing or emailing their office.

You can search for you local candidates here: [Who Can I Vote For?](#)

### **3 Key questions to ask your election candidates:**

#### **1) Put peace first:**

If elected how would you use your position to calling on the next UK government to use its voice, money, and influence to be a force for peace in the world?

#### **2) Cancel the debt:**

If elected will you call on the government to introduce legislation to support debt relief for lower income countries?

#### **3) Pay up for climate justice:**

If elected will you call on the government to significantly increase funding to support climate vulnerable countries to adapt, mitigate and respond when climate disasters strike?

We've put together these crib sheets with more information about the three questions above.

<<Link the three Crib Sheets here>>

You can also find our full manifesto with more detail on what steps we want the newly elected government to take to make tackling poverty a priority.

<<Link to the full election manifesto here>>

Feel free to share the link to the election manifesto with your local candidates too!

We'd love to hear how you get on speaking to your candidates, let us know at [dthomas@christian-aid.org](mailto:dthomas@christian-aid.org)

## **Faith in Action**

The upcoming UK general election offers us a unique opportunity to put our faith into action. Reaching out to our newly elected MP's, building relationships and showing them that we're serious about acting on poverty.

Like Helen did.