



Fundraising Challenge 2012

Thank you for all you have done in supporting Grace & Light financially and in prayer over the years. We very much appreciate your dedication to us and to Africa.

This year we have a challenge for you – to raise an extra 25% over and above what you give by organising a fun event for yourself, your friends and work colleagues.

So, for example, if you usually give £20 each month we challenge you to raise an extra £60. If your regular giving is £50 a month our challenge is an extra £150.

Should you not yet be giving regularly to Grace & Light we'd like to challenge you to raise at least £150. It may be easier in a group.

Go ahead and have fun with friends – and make a difference to Africans living with HIV/AIDS.

We have some suggestions to inspire your brilliant ideas. Do let us know how you get on so we can share with others.

People love **quiz evenings** and they are easy to organise. Questions can be themed round unusual topics or taken from Trivial Pursuit. Charge an entry fee, charge for drinks and run a raffle. The winning team will expect a prize.

Food is a great way to bring people together!

You may love baking so how about a cake stall at work or at church. You will need lots of goodies so ask your friends to help.

If you love cooking yourself, what about a garden party, formal dinner party, or barbeque at home? You can ask guests to make a donation or sell tickets.

Coffee mornings are great fun and an easy way to entertain many guests.

How about a wine & cheese evening. Sell tickets in advance and let your guests sample unusual and familiar varieties. You could theme your evening by country. Cider works just as well.

Or perhaps give a cookery demonstration with a professional chef should you know one. People will love watching, then having a go themselves and tasting the results.

How about shaving something for Grace & Light – your head, beard, chest or legs should bring in lots of laughs and support!

Do you love dressing up? Then how about holding a fancy dress party themed around classic movies, an historical period, or national dress

Or a fashion show with clothes borrowed from local boutique – or made by a designer you know

Or a clothing swap shop for friends to bring unwanted fashion items and take away things new-to-them. Entry fee or price per item

Perhaps you love **live music** and could organise a concert or gig with a local band and DJs. Pubs and clubs are often happy to host such events.

Host an X Factor **talent show** for your youth group, charging people to attend and enter the competition. They'll have great fun!

We hope you have lots of fun organising your event. It is easy to give Grace & Light the money you raise afterwards. Just contact our chair Ed Greening by phone on 01225 719012, or email at ed.arenina@araceandlight.org



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Car washes are a great way to serve your local community. You and your friends can wash neighbours' cars up and down the street, or base yourselves in your church car park to catch passing traffic.

Instead of car washing you could try **gardening** for your neighbours or members of your congregation, just as long as you know a weed from a seedling.

Open air **sports screenings** and **film nights** are great in the warmer summer months. Set up a projector screen in the back garden and invite your friends around to watch your favourite movie or sports matches.

You may prefer to hire out your skills, perhaps charging £20 an hour for ironing, car washing, gardening, or cleaning.

Many of the sporting challenges organised in the UK allow you to donate to your chosen charity – why not take on a marathon run, cycle ride, or sponsored walk if you are fit and healthy.

You may be creative and could give poetry readings, share flower-arranging skills, or run a drawing workshop and charge people to join in.

Do remember to publicise your fundraising efforts in your local newspaper – we can offer advice here – and in your church. Take photos and send them to us so we can also feature your efforts on our website www.graceandlight.org

How much **unwanted stuff** do you and your friends have? Have a clear out and sell your stuff on eBay then donate the proceeds to Grace & Light.

Why not **recycle old electrical equipment** you have lying around the house – mobile phones, cameras, sat navs, ink cartridges, mp3 players. You can trade such items in for cash in shops and online.

How about a **mini Olympics** with teams having a go at different sports

Alternatively, organise the ultimate sporting challenge – a **Zumbathon**