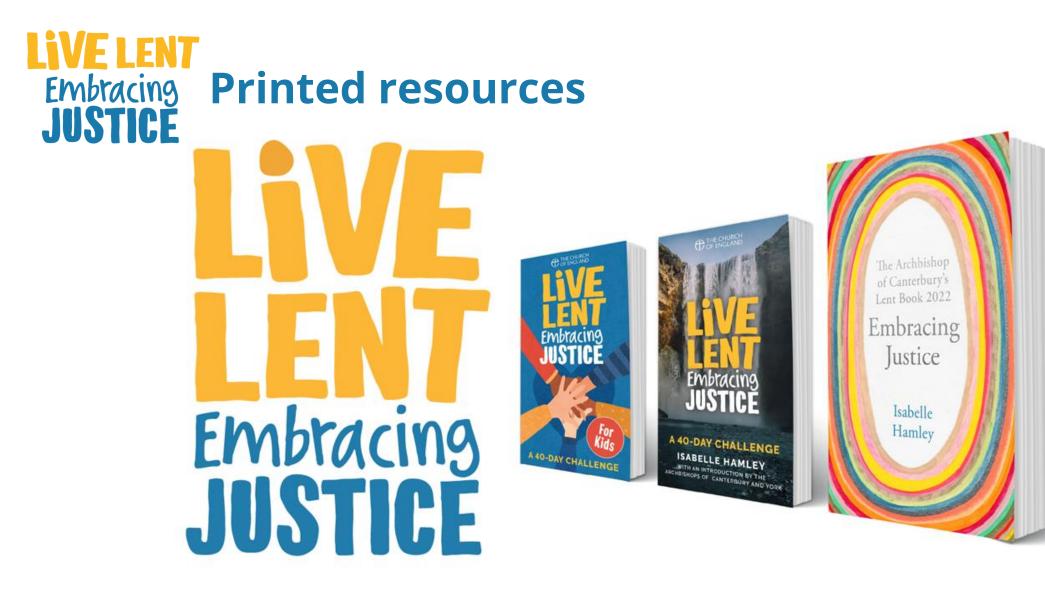
# LIVE LENT Embracing JUSTICE



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## Embracing JUSTICE Booklets for adults

## JUSTICE AS ENCOUNTER

Justice in Scripture is always rooted in time, place and story. It is about people, and the image of God within them, an image damaged and distorted by sin – our own, and others'. This week we walk with Jesus as embraces those he meets.



Action for the week Justice is about relationship, about a meeting of people, in their full humanity. Every day this week, try to speak to someone you would not normally speak with – someone you disagree with, or simply do not normally notice – and listen to their story, without interruption.



### Weekend, Week 3 CONTAGIOUS HOLINESS

### Read: Mark 2.13-22

When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick: I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

### Week 3 | Justice as encounter | 55

There is a paradox at the heart of doing justice. To do justice needs passion, fire, a keen sense of injustice and compassion for those who suffer. Yet deep passion easily leads to new forms of injustice, as those who disagree or lag behind are excluded, criticised and caricatured as uncaring or evil.

One answer is to understand ourselves as part of this fellowship of grace, which prevents us ever thinking of ourselves as superior. Another is to follow the model of Jesus. As sin was often treated as contagious. 'good' people refused to eat with 'sinners'. Human beings have a tendency to separate themselves from those whose words, lifestyles or beliefs they despise or disagree with. Yet Jesus did the exact opposite. Instead of treating sin as contagious, he practiced contagious holiness: a love so profound, that it inevitably drew the other into new life and relationship.

### Prayer

Holy God, we are both inspired and fearful before your holiness; may you transform our hearts, that we become people whose holiness and justice are expressed in contagious love and grace. Amen.



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1 March to 26 March Today's Reflection



Monday 21 March SEEING THE INVISIBLE

**Read today's Reflection** 



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Read this week's theme

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### BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF JUSTICE

The story of Exodus is not just a story of liberation. It goes hand in hand with the birth o a new community, shaped for justice and the flourishing of all with a set of laws for everyda living.



### Action for the week

Think about your daily choices this week: who has produced your food, your clothes, who serves you while remaining invisible? Can you make one change in your buying or consumption habits to contribute to a better

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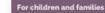
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#### Read: Isaiah 55.1-11

Seek the Lord while he may be jound, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsahe their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts: Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### Read more

Ash Wednesday is a day of turnings. A day when we turn inwards and examine our lives: a day





### Hunt for spare toys, books, games you no longer need

When Jesus fed a crowd he made sure the leftovers were collected and shared. Ask a parent or carer if there are any 'leftovers' your household could donate to charity.

Explore this week's theme for children

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# Embracing Sign up or download for free reflections

*#LiveLent: Embracing Justice* will offer a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and a prayer, as well as a practical challenge linked to the week's theme. An accompanying child's version will also available to help children and their families explore how we can live well together. As in previous years, we'll be making this available via:

- a free app for Apple and Android devices
- free email reflections
- audio on our Smart speaker skills
- printed booklets through Church House Publishing.



## LIVE LENT Embracing JUSTICE What can you share on social media?

- Daily reflections throughout Lent
- Explainer content to help explore the significance of the key moments
   through Lent, Holy Week and Easter
- Online national services, exploring the themes of the daily reflections

#### The Church of England Published by Chris Rowe • 27 January at 19:00 · •

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Our theme for #LiveLent this year is Embracing Justice.

We are called to reflect on the injustices of the world and ask what God is calling us to do about them.

Watch to learn more about the resources available to churches this Lent, and share in a powerful discussion around justice, with the Archbishop of Canterbury and special guests.

And find out more about the theme and resources at cofe.io/LiveLent.



The Church of England ② @churchofengland · Jan 31 This year, our #LiveLent theme is Embracing Justice.

@JustinWelby's 2022 book Lent book - written by Isabelle Hamley, as well as the reflection booklet for adults, and the booklet for families can be found at cofe.io/LentChurchReso....

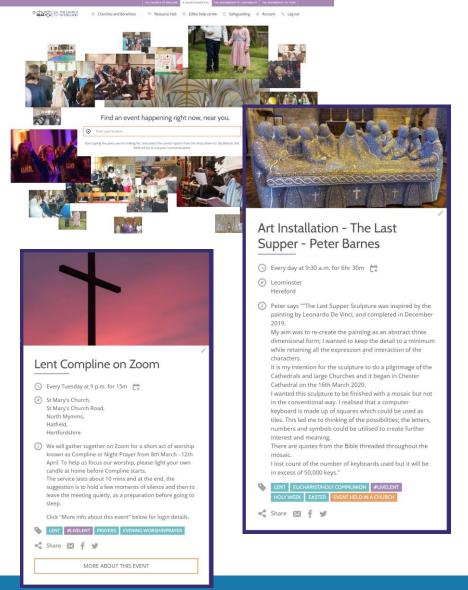
Hannah Ling @thehannahling - Jan 31 Lent resources have arrived! I'm so pleased this year's theme is justice AND there's a kids booklet i @churchofengland #LiveLent





## LIVE LENT Embracing JUSTICE

- Add your Lent and Easter services and events today
- Consider your community
- Explore the Resource Hub for free customisable graphics, videos, hymns and images.
- Downloadable posters



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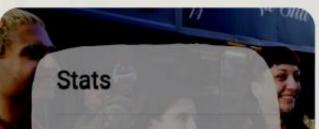












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- > Since January 2020 We've received over 550,000 views and over 50,000 likes on Tik Tok.
  - > In the last year we've received over 200,000 views on the videos we've released on Instagram.
- > Over Easter 2021 we received over 59,000 views over all our social media.
  - > Over Christmas 2021 we received over 63,000 views over all our social media.













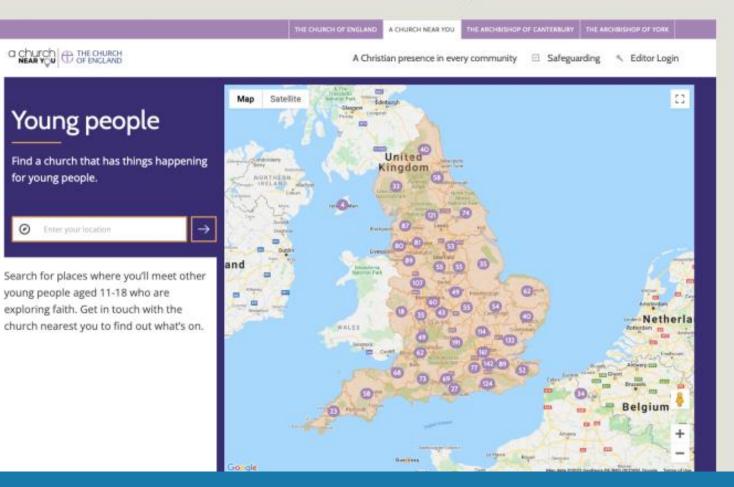




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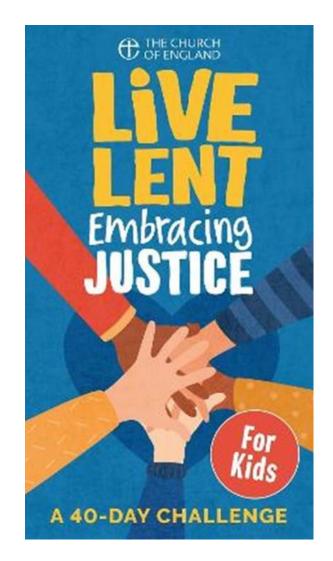


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## **LiveLent for Kids**

- A theme each week
- A short Bible passage
- A simple prayer
- A daily challenge (Monday Saturday)







# A theme for each week

- Made in God's image
- Justice and freedom
- Communities of justice
- Just relationships
- Jesus' way of justice
- Remembering Jesus' example
- Walking through Holy Week



## Week 1 JUSTICE AND FREEDOM

Exodus, the second book of the Bible, tells the story of God delivering the people of Israel from slavery to freedom. This week we will explore how God guides Moses as he seeks justice for his people.

### Read: Exodus 3.1-12

66 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt ... and I have come down to deliver them.'

### **Prayer for the week**

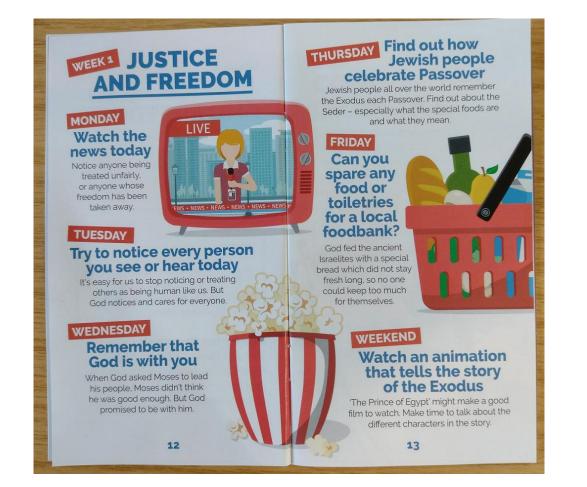
Just and loving God, help us, like Moses, to be changed and guided by your presence as we journey through life's challenges. Amen.

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## A challenge each day







- Collective Worship
- Weekly challenge for the school community
- Weekly challenge included in the school newsletter

