

# GENEROSITY

## WEEK NEWS 2022

25TH SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER

“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you —see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” *2 Corinthians 8:7*

## WELCOME.....

### TO THE FIRST GENEROSITY WEEK UPDATE!

This is a new initiative to help us share and be inspired by one another. Here’s what you can expect:

- There will only be ten issues – that’s one a week up to (and including) Generosity Week.
- It’ll only ever be one side of A4 and it’ll hit your inbox every Wednesday.
- Its sole purpose is to inspire and support you in promoting generosity in your networks.
- Please feel free to share as widely as you like.

The How to Run a Generosity Week webinar with Trevor Marshall from the National Team and Joanne Christie from Newcastle took place on 26/7. Don't worry if you missed it as you can watch the recording here.



## HERE’S AN IDEA.....

Every week we’ll be highlighting the creative ways Giving teams are tailoring Generosity Week to their Diocese. If you’ve done something you want to tell others about, do email us (see below).

Carlisle Diocese has written a **template letter and booklet** that church leaders can personalise and give to their congregations. It helps them to look at their finances and to see the need for increased generosity.

Still in production, Liverpool Diocese has made short films of local people talking about how generosity has changed their life. It’s often more motivating for people in an area to hear local accents and see familiar places. And with smartphone cameras being so good, you don’t need to be a Hollywood studio to make something that works.

**Work with your Bishops.** Several Dioceses have launched Generosity Week with words from their Bishop. You can **watch the Acting Bishop of Newcastle** give a 2 minute talk on the theology of generosity, along with an encouragement for parishes to take part in Generosity Week.

**Make it bitesize.** There is a wealth of resources to suit every tradition and setting. To help churches navigate, York Diocese has created **Five Easy Steps**. This is perfect for when churches in an area are convinced that Generosity Week is a great idea and are ready to take part.

## RESOURCE OF THE WEEK .....

Wondering where to start? **Walk through the Resources** sequences everything in a really clear way so that you can pick and choose as it suits you. Start with ways of getting the Generosity Week message out there – with a flyer, a video, email signatures, a branded Powerpoint presentation – the choice is yours. Next is a series of eight podcasts from a variety of speakers. There are also reflections and suggestions of simple things individuals can do to bring generosity to life. Then there are children’s resources, as well as ways to engage the wider community in acts of generosity. These are followed by prayers and service content and lastly there are suggestions for what to do next.

**Generosity Week Resources 2022**

*All resources are available on the website (found below) Generosity Week | The Church of England*

- 1. Promoting Generosity Week**  
Resources you want to promote  
Generosity Week, see how you can find your customizable resource helpful.  
**Postcard for Children**  
Generosity Week, using the video 'Generosity in a Church Near You'  
Graphics and copy for Church's own social media accounts.  
Branded email signatures.  
Branded PowerPoint template.
- 2. Reflections and activities**  
Eight downloadable materials help in some ways at what the Bible has to say about Generosity. There are also reflections and activities – ways to get involved into action.
- 3. Resources**  
**New for 2022** – Liverpool Diocese has developed a set of resources to help leaders inspire Generosity with young people.  
**New for 2022** – resources to help engage the wider community with Generosity Week.  
The Equipes de la Paroisse has developed materials for exploring generosity and generosity with children and young people.  
**Celebrating our Legacy** – Inspiring the legacy and help received from the generosity of others, and what our legacy has to pass on to the legacy for future generations. Leader's guide and participants' booklet available.
- 4. Liturgy**  
There is a range of service outlines, lesson starters, and forms of prayers for churches to adapt and use, including:  
**Eight daily morning prayer services**  
Weekly service material on both Greek and Orthodox.  
**Eucharist celebrating Generosity**  
**Eucharist celebrating Gratitude**  
**Service for the Word celebrating Generosity**  
**Service for the Word celebrating Gratitude**  
**Service content packs** covering both Generosity and Gratitude.
- 5. What happens next?**  
Generosity doesn't end after Generosity Week. These resources are designed to build on the culture and make generosity an integral part of church life. The following resources are designed to help sister churches through their next steps.  
**Generosity Church Toolkit** – for the RC Diocese, highlighting what's going well and where the biggest needs are.  
**Generosity Pledge** – a half-day programme for small groups to explore their generosity to us.  
**Generosity Church Review** – for the RC Diocese, highlighting to annual review generosity.

**And don't forget...**  
On September 25th the national online service is from St Andrew's church, Leamington. The broadcast is on BBC Radio Essex. Share who has inspiring testimonies of generosity in her work in two very different parishes.

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Have you got something you'd like to share? Email [annie.rey@churchofengland.org](mailto:annie.rey@churchofengland.org)  
See all the resources at Generosity Week | The Church of England

