

# GENEROSITY

## WEEK NEWS 2022

25 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER

“This poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.” *Mark 12: 43-44*

## Welcome

to week 4 and thanks to Andrew Rainsford who dropped me an email to remind me that the story of the widow's mite tells us that generosity is measured by what we keep, not by what we give.

I'm also grateful to Chris Gill for sending Jonty Allcock's **Grateful for God's Generosity** talk from this year's Keswick convention. If you have any favourite talks on generosity, let us know so that we can share them with others. The talk starts at 59'36”.

I hope you enjoy this fourth week of Generosity Week News. As ever, please pass it on to anyone you think would enjoy it or find it useful. And you can print it if you think there are far too many online resources these days!



## RESOURCE OF THE WEEK...

Contrary to what you might expect, Celebrating our Legacy isn't about leaving a gift in your will. It starts with participants taking a walk around the church, giving thanks for all that has been made possible by the generosity of previous generations. It could be beautiful stained glass – or it might be the central heating system. This leads into conversations about what is important to us and how we can continue the legacy of those who've gone before us. Sometimes it's used at the beginning of a campaign encouraging people to leave a gift in their will, but even as a standalone, it helps people focus on keeping the legacy of others alive through day to day generosity. Download the **Leaders' Guide** and the **Participants' Booklet**, and take a look.

## HERE'S AN IDEA.....

A little-known advantage of regular giving schemes like the Parish Giving Scheme is that it gives the treasurer less to do. The Diocese of Hereford has made **a series of films of less than a minute each**, with a Treasurer talking about how his church launched PGS, and the difference it made – both to him personally and to the Parish. A smartphone camera is fine for this sort of film and there are free online tools to snip out any bits you don't want.

Oxford Diocese has produced five **Generous Giving Sermon Ideas** which you can browse here.

York diocese has launched an ambitious project to email people a range of resources each day of Generosity Week. Using the Generosity Week Morning prayer themes, the York team will send you a bite-sized mailing, including prayers, reflections on the day's theme, a short podcast and ideas for you to engage with generosity. Anyone can **find out more and sign up here**.

