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"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Welcome

This week's newsletter is coming to you from the lona community where I'm on a retreat and experiencing physical refreshment first-hand – it's ten degrees cooler and much wetter than London. I hope you enjoy this overview of some of the resources, as well as a selection of ideas and initiatives from churches (and this time, a cathedral too) around the country.

If you've recently signed up for Generosity Week News, you can download previous issues here and catch up on what you've missed.

RESOURCE OF THE WEEK.....

If you fancy a change from print, you can watch Joanne Christie from Newcastle diocese, along with Trevor Marshall from the National Giving team take you through Generosity Week, step by step. This half hour film – which includes audience questions – is very top line and gives you lots of scope to be creative within a basic framework.

Leeds Diocese has produced very detailed resources to help talk to children about stewardship. If you're running a Generosity Week at your church and you have a Sunday school, this material can help leaders talk about gratitude and generosity at the right level for younger church members.

The Diocese of Newcastle has a new publication called Parish Share Explained in which all the facts and figures relating to this way of contributing to ministry are laid out in a really clear format.

HERE'S AN IDEA.....

Following last week's article about making regular social media posts, have you heard about the Church of England's Stained Glass Summer campaign? If you have stained glass, you could take some pictures and include them on your social media pages, linking to the wider campaign. Pictures like this can get people coming to your church, so do say when you're open. And visitors often like to give in appreciation of what they're seeing, so it's great to have easy ways of enabling them to do so.

Not everyone gets Gaia coming to their church, like St John the Baptist, Holland Road here, but most churches have something visitors will enjoy.

Calling all Cathedrals! We very much hope to produce cathedral-specific resources for 2023, but in the meantime check out what Liverpool Cathedral has done to run a Generosity Week this year.

If you'd like a daily shot of e-generosity during Generosity Week, you can sign up to have emails from Newcastle diocese. They'll cover generous care; hospitality; welcome; possessions; judgements; talents; time and wealth. This is only a small part of what Newcastle's offering, so take a look here to see the rest.



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