

GENEROSITY

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THE LAST
ISSUE!

“God of awe and wonder, creator of both night and day, you count the number of the stars and call them all by their names. Help us to cherish your abundant creation, grateful for the gift that it is to us, living in harmony with our common home, through him who is the firstborn of all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

from the Morning Prayer liturgy for Generosity Week

Welcome

It was lovely to see the **Generosity Week Sunday service** on my Facebook feed at the weekend, and to read all the short spontaneous prayers of generosity in the comments section. A prayer for Generosity is included in the recording of Morning and Evening Prayer every day this week.

I'm grateful to Janet Edmond, Stewardship Officer in Leeds who told me about **St John's church in Menston** who used this Sunday for a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the completion of their church roof.



But please don't feel you've missed the boat if you're not doing anything this week – plenty of churches celebrate harvest and generosity well into October, so there's still time. And the resources are **on the website** throughout the year.

I've really enjoyed this ten week journey of Generosity and hope you have too. This is the last newsletter for now, but we'll be back next year!

HERE'S AN IDEA...

Enjoy the daily Generosity Week mailings from York and Newcastle dioceses. York has a **video of the Archbishop of York**, who talks movingly about the qualities of generosity he observed over the period of the late Queen's funeral. Sammi Tooze from York has been **talking on the radio** about what they're doing for Generosity Week (starts at 1hr 39m 52s).

At the time of writing, Newcastle has explored **hospitality and generous care**, with awe-inspiring and yet ordinary stories of people like you and me doing wonderful things. Newcastle also gives us suggestions for ways we can all be catalysts for change.

If you ever need help with finding suitable pictures, royalty-free music or logos for Church of England campaigns, visit the **Resource Hub** within AChurchNearYou.com. It's updated regularly with new material and you can even customise videos within it – including one for Generosity Week.

A Church Near You is also hosting the Church Development Tool which is a short anonymous survey a church asks its worshipping community to complete. It is designed to help churches discover what they're good at and what support congregations would like to grow and share their faith. Join a webinar to find out more **here**.

RESOURCE OF THE WEEK.....

The **Generous Church Check Up** is a helpful start in looking at a church's finances, designed to be used by the PCC, or finance committee, or any other group of interested people. It's only 3 pages long

and asks 14 broad-brush questions about different areas of finance; covering reserves, legacies, community engagement, preaching and more. There are no right or wrong answers, but completing the Check Up will highlight areas where improvements can be made, as well as giving encouragement in other areas.

Many churches use the **Generous Church Check Up** every year, to start to build a picture of the progress they're making. Doing it in January or February can help start the year in a positive light, and it also means that the findings can feed into discussions at the APCM.

Have you got something you'd like to share? Email annie.rey@churchofengland.org

See all the resources at **Generosity Week | The Church of England**

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