

GENEROSITY

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"A good person produces good from the good treasure of his heart... because the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart." *Luke 6:45*

Welcome

During this difficult time, we pray that God will comfort His Majesty the King and the rest of the royal family in their bereavement, and all who mourn.

The Queen's Christian faith is well-documented and the verse above from St Luke's gospel links that faith with the incredible service she gave. It's extraordinary how often her name is linked with generosity – I was moved by **Terry Waite's story** of her providing him and his family with a house at Balmoral to decompress after his release from 5 years' captivity. And I loved Bristol **Rabbi Mendy Singer's** words mentioning her 'generosity of spirit' and how 'her humility allowed for space for other people'.

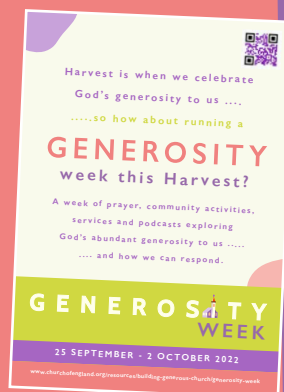
You can view **resources for Churches**, and sign the **online Book of Condolence** on the Church of England website.



RESOURCE OF THE WEEK.....

Hot off the (virtual) press are special Generosity Week versions of **Compline** and **Evening Prayer**, which you can download from the website. There's just one of each, giving you the opportunity to have a special generosity version with appropriate readings, canticles and prayers.

They say that a person needs to see something three times before it takes root. So while these posters in the lifts at Church House in London probably won't lead to someone rushing off to stage a Generosity Week in their church, they might reinforce something they've seen or heard about elsewhere. Do email me (below) if you'd like a copy.



HERE'S AN IDEA...

On Saturday 24 September, Manchester diocese is staging its second virtual giving conference: **Generosity and Thankfulness: Inspiring and Equipping our Churches**. Entry to the conference is free and open to all – both in and outside the Diocese. Participants can choose between 22 breakout sessions on topics ranging from Strategy to Stewardship. You can book [here](#).

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay famously set foot on the summit of Everest on **29th May 1953**, making 2023 the 70th anniversary. My local church is

doing a sponsored 'ascent of Everest' – the vicar's worked out that 198 ascents of the tower will be the equivalent of the height of Everest!

If you'd like to promote the Parish Giving Scheme in your church, you can remind yourself of its benefits in this **short video**. Later this year, PGS will be introducing the facility to make one-off gifts as well as regular giving. They will also be introducing resources to use in churches, like pew cards and bookmarks.



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

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