

GENEROSITY

WEEK NEWS 2022

25 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” *Matthew 6:19-20*

Welcome

Generosity Week starts this Sunday 25th, and the online weekly service on that day comes from St Andrew's, Tangmere with the Giving team's Revd Trevor Marshall officiating. Scott Else, Generous Giving Advisor from Leicester diocese provides the intercessions. The sermon, given by Revd Esther Prior of St John's, Egham talks about what occupies our thoughts – do we have a 'scarcity' mindset with its associated desire to grasp at what we can – or can we live an expansive life of freedom with the faith that our material needs will be met?

Do listen if you can and share it on your social media channels. The weekly service has an audience of over 7000 people, so it's a great way of getting the generosity message out there.



HERE'S AN IDEA...

Esther Prior is the preacher at this year's Generosity Week online service. We met her when she gave a talk at the Bishop's study day at Southwell & Nottingham diocese in which she shared **contrasting stories of generosity** in two parishes where she's served.

I was going to recap the ways in which you can be involved in Generosity Week – and then discovered that the Bishops of Leeds, Wakefield and Huddersfield, along with their Archdeacons, had done it for me. The film is from last year but I like the way they've divided the script into bite-sized chunks, and also that they've included Bishops and Archdeacons. [Watch it here.](#)

RESOURCE OF THE WEEK....

“We can't lead generous lives because we feel we ought to. We live generously because we cannot help it. Our lives have been transformed by the love that first loved us.”

The quote above comes from the **Generosity Fika**, a half day workshop in which participants have the chance to consider their hearts and minds in relation to generosity. It includes three six minute films, set in **India**, **Uganda** and the **USA** in which startling testimonies of generosity are given, along with thought-provoking comments on what people have personally gained through being generous. Whether or not you have a Fika, do take a look at the films which are both inspiring and humbling and can be used in different contexts as a way to encourage others.



Don't forget that 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.

Whether online giving is something you already have, or are still thinking about, this **online giving blog** is full of hints and tips to help you think through all the ways you can make it easy for those who want to give in this way.



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