



GENEROSITY WEEK 2023

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to Sunday 1st October

“God of all creation, give us a heart to be good stewards of what you have made. Give us the wisdom to use what you have provided us with for the benefit of all. Give us the courage to stand firm when your creation is at risk. May we use what you have generously given us to be generous to others. We ask this in the name of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen ”

Revd Trevor Marshall, National Giving Team

WELCOME!

It's holiday time but there's no stopping the stream of great ideas and resources coming your way. If you do find yourself with any free time(!), you might download our new podcasts and listen in the garden, on the beach or while walking to the shops. You can also put links to them on your church social media feeds and provide something thought-provoking and accessible to those on the periphery of your church.

New from Newcastle

A four-session course to help small groups study generosity from a biblical perspective is just one of a series of brilliant new resources from Newcastle diocese. They've also produced a Giving Review Guide, a step by step guide for parishes, with easy to use tools, links to templates and key messages to communicate. In addition five Quick Start guides cover: Teaching and Nurturing generosity, Online giving, Contactless giving, Parish Giving Scheme and Legacy giving. They're all available from the [Diocese of Newcastle](#) website and can be used by anyone, wherever you are.



Commissioner records podcasts

This year's generosity podcasts have been recorded by [Busola Sodeinde](#) who as well as being a Church Commissioner has a passion for environmental, social and governance issues and entrepreneurial enterprise. We asked her some quick questions on generosity:



In what areas of life do you find it easy to be generous? Being of African descent, we often share our meals with the wider community. I enjoy cooking, and it is a pleasure opening my home and inviting guests to dine with us.

And where is it challenging? It has to be with my time. When I haven't paused an urgent task to focus on a need that requires an attentive listening ear.

What was your aim in recording these talks? The starting point was the cost of living crisis, coupled with inflation. I want this series to be a source of encouragement there is another currency we can access, which is our faith in God. He can do more than we ask or imagine.

You can listen to the podcasts through your usual podcast provider or [on our website](#) where they come with special prayers, reflections and daily activities.

Generosity



This lovely film has come to our notice from the Bible Project, who say: “Often, humans live from a mindset of scarcity and hoard God's many gifts. In this video, we explore God's plan for overcoming our selfishness by giving the ultimate gift of himself in the person of Jesus.” It's only five minutes long, and you can [enjoy it here](#).

This monthly newsletter belongs to the community that reads it, so if you have a thought, a question, a link or an idea, let me know and I'll happily share it with others annie.rey@churchofengland.org
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