



# GENEROSITY WEEK 2024

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A Generosity Prayer - Dear Lord, Help us to be generous and do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, for as long as we can. Amen **John Wesley**

### WELCOME TO GENEROSITY WEEK 2024

Welcome to this second Generosity Week newsletter. Generosity Week is an eight day gift a church gives itself to consider how it can encourage generosity and enable giving. The national week runs from 29 September until 6 October, but you can have a Generosity Week at any time that suits you.

#### What do I do?

- Have a Generous Church Review, to give yourself a starting point
- Plan two Sundays' worth of services, one on gratitude and one on generosity
- Looking at your church and its interests, pick one or two other activities from the Generosity Week website.

Everything you need is here or click on the link at the bottom of the page: 



Each month till September, we're looking at one way of nurturing generosity and one way of enabling giving. This month it's Discipleship and Impact Reporting.



### IMPACT REPORTING

Impact is about how we are realising our vision as a church. It's not 'we now have a new tea point', it's 'because we have a new tea point we can invite the elderly to meet in our building'. It's not 'we made 28 rounds of sandwiches' but '28 children went to school with a packed lunch that day'. It's hard to keep track when you're busy organising something, but making a quick voice note of how many people were there, anything that struck you, things people said (even record them saying it), how you might do it again, as well as pictures and video clips make this job a lot easier. If you can delegate it someone else, so much the better. More formal impact report guidance is available from the **Heritage Lottery Fund** and from the **Diocese of Hereford** (pg 247).



### DISCIPLESHIP

A sermon is a good place to start talking about generosity, but it can be hard to get going. The Diocese of Rochester has produced *Preaching Generosity*. Each week, a short sermon idea drawn from one of that week's Common Worship lectionary readings gives preachers the tools to become comfortable and confident in preaching about generosity. You can look up all the ideas for this year so far, and sign up to be sent new material as it becomes available.

*Preaching Generosity* is only one of the preaching resources available – take a look at the others here.

### GENEROSITY CHECKLIST

How generous is your church? Not sure? Newcastle diocese has produced two powerful checklists – one to look at nurturing generosity in your church, and the other at how you give people the opportunity to give. Each has a small handful of questions with simple yes/no answers, along with suggestions of how to develop in that area. You can download them free from the Newcastle website.

