



GENEROSITY WEEK 2023

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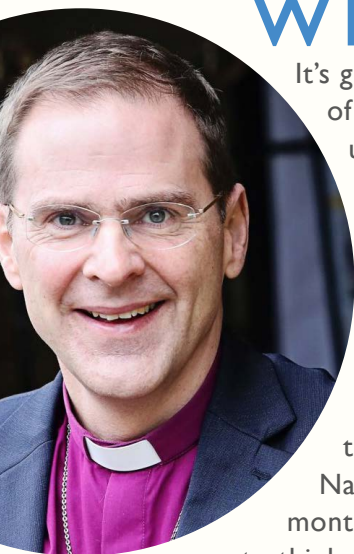
Sunday 24th September
to Sunday 1st October

“No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.” **Mark 3:27**

WELCOME!

It's great to be starting the 2023 journey of generosity. Generosity Week helps us put aside time and energy to consider with gratitude God's generosity to us, and I hope this monthly newsletter will give you resources that you'll find useful to help your church.

The scripture above was used by the Bishop of Bradford at the National Giving Conference last month. Bp Toby inspired us with his call to think about Jesus bringing abundant life, and to consider some of the forces keeping people from flourishing as Jesus would want us to.



IDEAS

Although there will be lots of branded items coming up, we also have some **style guidelines** for those who want to get creative and go it alone. For **Canva** fans we have the first of some templates you can adapt to your setting.

If you want to read around generosity a bit more, you can see what others have thought of some of the most popular books in the field by looking at Newcastle diocese's **generosity book reviews**.

This year's online service is on 24 September and will come from **Stockton Parish church** in Stockton on Tees. The vicar, Mark Miller said:

“We are a growing church in a huge grade I listed building in one of the most deprived parts of the country. Our congregation is incredibly diverse in just about every way: age, economic background, nationality and we're looking forward to recording this service and sharing what we've discovered about giving generously, sacrificially and cheerfully.”

NEW RESOURCES FOR 2023

To start with, we've concentrated on the resources you might need to share Generosity Week with colleagues or congregation members. You can take a **Walk Through the Resources** which shows how everything fits together. And if you are presenting thoughts or plans, there are a couple of **Powerpoint templates** you might use. There are also **email signatures** helping you to promote Generosity Week to anyone you write to, linking to your web page if you have one. There's a link to all these at the bottom of this page.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Generosity Week is flexible to suit all types of church. If you want to join in this year, the key things you need are:

1. Pick your dates – the national week runs from Sunday 24 September until Sunday 1 October, but if another time works better for you, do it then.
2. Contact your **Diocesan Giving Advisor** for help and advice.
3. Choose what to do by looking at the summary of resources available through the link at the bottom of this page.
4. Plan your Sundays - two Sundays works well as it gives you one chance to explore gratitude and one for generosity.



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
See all the resources at [Generosity Week | The Church of England](#)