



GENEROSITY WEEK 2024

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Do people ever ask you how central funding works? These leaflets are helpful.....
Church of England Factsheet and The Impact of Funding

WELCOME TO GENEROSITY WEEK 2024

Welcome to the third Generosity Week newsletter of 2024. Generosity Week is an opportunity to consider how a church can grow a spirit of generosity and enable giving. The national week runs from 29 September, but if those dates are busy, 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:



NEED

Be confident! We can't improve on this quote from Rev Dr Sam Wells, vicar of St Martin in the Fields, London: "If you don't give because no one's ever asked you, I'm asking you now. If you don't give regularly because you've never got round to it, I'm saying today's the day. If you don't give much because you think St Martin's doesn't need it, I'm telling you that it does. If you don't give a lot because you don't have a lot, I'm saying your giving something is an example to everyone else. If you don't give more because no one's ever said thank you, I'm thanking you right now. If you already give until the pips squeak, I'm saying that's wonderful, and nudge the person next to you to do the same."



Each month till September, we're looking at one way of nurturing generosity and one way of enabling giving. This month it's demonstrating Need and Embedding generosity into church life.



EMBEDDING GENEROSITY

You may want to follow a programme like Simpler Giving for smaller churches, or Giving in Grace. But even if you don't have anything so formal, it's worth thinking about how to keep the topic front of mind – maybe it's making sure at least one intercession in a service is about thankfulness or generosity; or the notice sheet celebrates acts of generosity by church members. Perhaps you have a quarterly sermon, or an occasional homegroup series. When you're planning anything out of the ordinary, as well as thinking about catering, toilets and parking, consider how you'll facilitate and celebrate generosity.

NEW RESOURCES

The Diocese of Blackburn has produced a children's activity called **Building the Church Together**, using those all-time favourites, Lego and chocolate.

The Parish Giving Scheme encourages regular giving which people can increase with inflation every year if they wish. And Gift Aid is paid automatically back to the church every month. Completely free for the church and the giver. Click here for info on launching PGS during Generosity Week.

