Ways to Celebrate

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Generosity Week takes place during the Harvest season so that as we thank God for his generosity to us, we also have the opportunity to think about how we might respond to that generosity.
What is Generosity Week?

• 8 days to focus on nurturing and encouraging generosity as we explore how we can live more generously in our daily lives

• An opportunity to live out our Christian values by reflecting the generosity we’ve been shown by our Generous God in our own actions and words
Aims of Generosity Week

• To deepen our **understanding of God’s generosity** towards us and learn how we can respond by living more generous lives
• To inspire and **encourage a culture** and lifestyle of generosity all year round
• To **celebrate** the everyday acts of generosity we see in our churches and communities
• To **give thanks** to all who give so generously and enable mission and ministry to flourish
Get Involved with

✓ Generosity Week is flexible to suit all types of church

✓ Pick a week that suits your church best

✓ Contact your Stewardship Team for help and advice

✓ Look at summary of resources available and choose what to do

✓ Make sure you have enough people to help you

✓ Plan your two Sundays! One to explore Generosity & one for Gratitude!
Find GW 2022 resources on Diocesan Website

Find GW 2022 resources on CofE website

How to Run GW recorded Webinar (2022)

And don’t forget…. There will be a National Online Eucharist to celebrate generosity on Sunday 24th September 2023
Ways to Get Involved with

Consider these as activities for your church:

• Themed services on generosity and gratitude
• Activities for children & young people to explore generosity
• Fundraising event or Giving Campaign
• Celebration & Thanksgiving event
• “Social media takeover” to share stories of generosity from your own church and beyond
• Workshops exploring how to build a generous church
Celebrating Generosity Week in the wider community

Generosity Week is a celebration of God’s generosity that is lived out in our churches and parishes. It gives us an opportunity to engage with and support the wider community as we celebrate the generosity found. This isn’t a celebration of ‘our’ generosity but God’s, which is found within the church and outside of it.

We can often be acutely aware of what we haven’t got, focusing on the scarcity of some things, rather than celebrating what we do have, the abundance of God’s generosity in our lives. This ‘abundance’ mindset provides real encouragement and a desire to grow the generosity we already see. These acts don’t have to be big and dramatic acts of generosity and kindness, but the simple acts that add so much to our daily lives. Generosity Week can help us ‘re-set’ our perspective, so we spend time celebrating the way God’s generosity is seen in our churches and communities.

A Eucharist to celebrate Generosity
The First Sunday Service
Choosing What to Do

- **Commuters or young people?**
  Link to our podcasts on your social media feeds.

- **Fabulous historic building?**
  Run a Celebrating our Legacy morning.

- **Small congregation?**
  Consider ways of drawing in the wider community.

- **Young people or children?**
  Have a Generosity session in Sunday school.

- **Homegroups?**
  Any small group could have a half day Fika – exploring God’s generosity to us.

- **Public morning or evening prayer or compline?**
  Use the generosity liturgies.
Day One: Humanity's place in God's world

Genesis 2: 5-10 - Revd Harry Steele

Episode 1 • 26th July 2022 • Generosity Week • The Church of England

A good person produces good from the good treasure of his heart...because the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

Luke 6:45

Reflection

Activity

Are your words full of grace and kindness, truth and hope? Ask God to fill you afresh. Then pick up the phone to a hurting friend. Or greet a lonely neighbour. Bless them today with life giving, Christ centred words.

New Podcasts for 2023
“Our faith starts with the most generous gift of all – God’s gift to us of life itself and new life and new hope in Jesus Christ. What we call ‘generosity’ is just our response to these great gifts. I’m therefore delighted to commend these resources that help us explore God’s amazing generosity. This is what Generosity Week is all about. The stories in these podcasts, reflections and resources are moving, inspiring and encouraging. Just like in the parable of the sower, where the seed that falls on good soil grows a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown, we see that every generous act grows further generosity.”

The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York
Generosity Week Resources – *Legacies*

Run a Celebrating our Legacy Morning

Encourage reflection on historical & spiritual value of church building
Generosity Week Newsletter

Sign up here to receive your monthly Generosity Week newsletter between now and September

Get links to New Resources as they are developed
Launch/Relaunch in Generosity Week

Launching during Harvest Festival is an appropriate time as we give thanks to God’s generosity to us.

More likely for PGS to have a greater impact as GW focus on reviewing “Giving”.

Chance to introduce a new mechanism to enable regular giving: helping ministry to grow & flourish.

The PGS fully supports [Generosity Week & promotional resources](#) are available for key messaging.

To register for the PGS & for more information visit [here](#).
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PGS resources for Generosity Week 2022

The PGS is trusted by so many givers

Committed team helping us to build a generous church and grow a generous culture

Every pound gifted is received by your church

Being generous with time, ideas and energy produces a very positive environment, very much a ‘can do’ way of thinking.

Carol
New Resources for 2023

• Digital service on 24 September
• Intercessions
• Morning prayer
• Podcasts & reflections
• Generosity Sunday
• Canva templates to make your own leaflets and posters

National Online Eucharist to celebrate generosity on Sunday 24th September 2023
After.... Generosity Week Resources

Generosity Fika event
Conversation, Coffee & Cake!

Generosity Check – up Template
Generosity Week encourages us to:

Celebrate God’s generosity lived out in churches and parishes

Reflect on what we are each thankful and grateful for

Reflect on how we can live generously as individuals and as a church community

Reflect on our own giving in money, time and talents

Focus on reviewing our giving and how we can give
Any questions?