

Living Generously

Growing giving in your church through news, ideas, support and encouragement.




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Cornerstone: guided support for churches

Cornerstone is a new and exciting programme from the Church of England which helps parishes to develop generosity and giving by looking at data and analysing feedback.

The Diocese of Lincoln has been at the forefront of its ongoing development and has recently undertaken a pilot programme with 11 parishes from across the county.

Cornerstone is a guided process working with a small team from each parish. We will be running another series of Cornerstone workshops in the Spring. If you are interested in being involved, please **complete this form** or contact us for more information.



Discussions at a recent
Cornerstone workshop

'Cornerstone has real potential to be a tool that parishes can use to improve their giving and be more organised about giving and communication with their congregation.'

Grants Database

Cornerstone also includes a searchable database of sources of grant funding. If your church would like access to this tool, please contact us here: [**generosity@lincoln.anglican.org**](mailto:generosity@lincoln.anglican.org)

Generous Living Drop-In Sessions

Drop-in sessions for treasurers and other parish officers

Each month the Generous Living Team visits four LMPs. You are warmly invited to drop-in to see us! We will visit your Local Mission Partnership twice each year and spend half a day there on each visit. You can also attend a session in a different LMP if that is more convenient for you, and we also hold an evening catch-up session in Lincoln twice a year. If you have a question, need some information and advice, or would just welcome a general chat about generosity in your parish, we'd love to see you! There is no agenda- just pop in to see us if you want to talk about any aspect of developing generosity in your parish. The full schedule of drop-in sessions and online workshops can be found on our webpages by [visiting this link](#) or by scanning the QR code below.

Coming soon...

5th November Spalding (am) & Holbeach (pm)
12th November: Hogsthorpe (am) & Horncastle (pm)
3rd December: Lincoln (early evening)



Christmas Giving

There are a number a resources which can help churches to develop generosity this Advent and Christmas.

Giving and Hoping is a series of four reflections on generosity, as seen through the stories of key figures in the Christmas story

Generosity at Christmas

12th November 2024, 12:30pm

This is a special webinar from the National Giving Directorate, to equip clergy on how to celebrate and encourage giving and generosity over Christmas. [Click here to book a place.](#)

Celebrating a Generous Christmas

A checklist for enabling generosity in your church this Christmas.

Digital Giving at Christmas

Your checklist for maximising Digital Giving at Advent and Christmas.



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Try Before You Buy!
Following the successful rollout of contactless donation technology earlier this year, we are also developing a 'Try Before You Buy Scheme' whereby a parish can borrow a device from the Diocese to trial in their church either for a specific event or for a fixed period.



Register your interest by completing **this form**:
<https://forms.office.com/e/r0h2uyxK4L>

Submitting your PCC Accounts

In addition to completing the annual Parish Finance Return, a reminder that PCCs are also required to submit a copy of both their financial report and their approved accounts to the Diocesan Finance Department here at Edward King House. If you are experiencing difficulties in submitting your accounts please get in touch and let us know. If not, please could PCCs arrange for any outstanding reports or accounts to be sent to us at Edward King House, Lincoln, LN2 1PU
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