

Living Generously

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




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A Time
to Change
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Let's do Lent Generously!

Created by Stewardship, 40acts is a generosity Lent challenge that became a movement of over 100,000 people on a mission to impact their communities by creating moments of radical generosity. 40 days, 40 acts, 40 opportunities to do something different this Lent.

Over the 40 days of Lent in 2025 (Wednesday 5th March to Saturday 19th April), Stewardship and their partners have created 40 days of reflections and challenges aimed to inspire and invite people to spread the love of Jesus through acts of intentional generosity.

To join the 40acts challenge, sign up to receive daily emails with a reflection from a 40acts partner, a Bible verse, prayer points and a challenge to do something generous. There'll be different levels to the challenge so if you can only commit to something small one day, you can go all-out on another if you like!

Why not try 40acts this Lent, either for yourself or with your church family? Sign up to 40acts 2025 today!

www.stewardship.org.uk/40-acts-sign-up

What if this Lent
you do more than
give stuff up?



Join us.

4 acts



Try Before You Buy!

Want to borrow a contactless giving device?

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

Changes to VAT scheme

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme has been extended for a further year.

This scheme enables those caring for listed churches to claim back the VAT on repairs and some other capital project work. The fund has been capped at £23 million pounds for the year. Places of worship will not be able to claim more than £25,000 in any one year. The scheme receives around 7,000 applications a year, of which more than 70% are for £5,000 or less.



Repairs to the tower, Little Steeping, © Basil Harwood

Parishes with outstanding VAT claims should put their claims in before the end of March 2025, to ensure that they have access to the full amount of VAT in the next financial year if required.

Applications can be made here:

<https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk/>

Please get in touch with the Church Buildings Team if you have any further queries about this: **churchbuildings.team@lincoln.anglican.org**

Grants Database

Are you looking for funding for a mission or building project? Cornerstone 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

Digital Giving at Easter: A Growing Trend

Did you know that digital giving in March 2024 (at £1.5 million) was 34% higher than in April 2023? This trend highlights the importance of ensuring your church is equipped to receive digital donations. You can explore the digital giving devices available on the Parish Buying, including the two new GWD devices and five new Payaz stations? Find out more [here](#) or by scanning this code:



Webinars

The National Giving Team has arranged a series of webinars which you may find useful in your work as we approach Easter

Digital Giving at Easter

Wednesday 12th March, 2pm

Join us for a discussion about the role of digital giving in Easter services and events. We will also talk about how your contactless giving may change as we head into the spring months, and digital giving good practice and preparation as you approach your APCM.

[Book here](#)

Maximising Online Giving and QR Codes

Tuesday 8th April, 3pm

Take your online giving a step further and learn how to use QR codes, links, and social media more effectively to facilitate giving in your church.

[Book here](#)

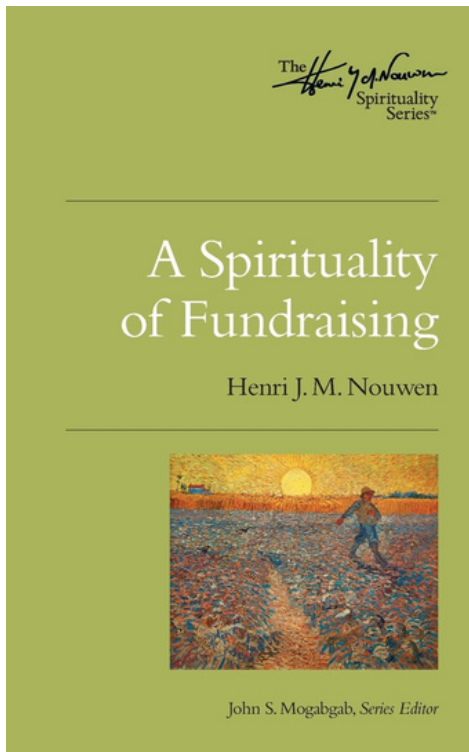
Getting the Most out of Contactless Giving

Thursday 20th February, 2pm

Explore the ways to get the most out of your contactless device: top tips from successful churches, advice on reporting and Gift Aid, and more.

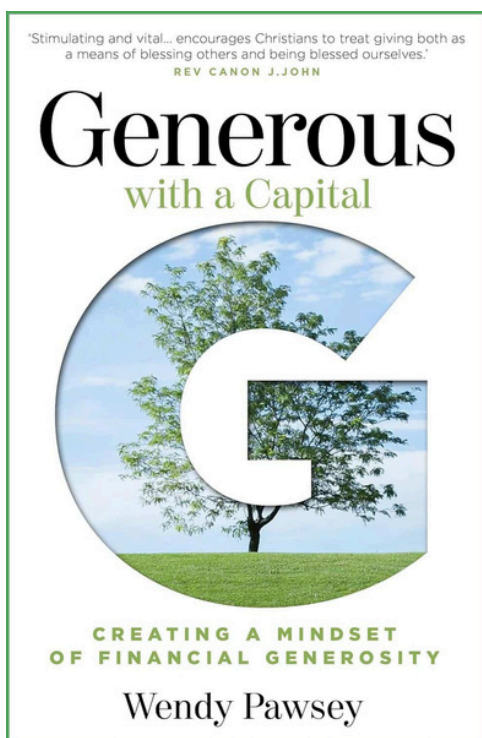
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A Good Read



A Spirituality of Fundraising **Henry J M Nouwen**

We all like to feel good about ourselves, to know we have helped another person and to do things that please God and magnify His kingdom. This book has been written to help you achieve this by living a life that makes the most of the financial blessings God has lovingly showered upon you whether they are big, small or somewhere in between!



Generous with a Capital G **Wendy Pawsey**

Drawing from the experience and testimonies of 50+ Christians from differing denominations, the aim of this book is to motivate you to live a life of lavish, abundant, eye-watering generosity that has the potential to impact nations, and draw you closer to our infinite God who was and is the epitome of generosity with a capital G.

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