

ACT ON POVERTY the sessions are

1. Prophetic

[this pack](#) looks at what it means for churches to speak prophetically. The Bible shows us that being a prophet is far from easy. Many prophets have felt powerless, despite being called by God to speak out. How, with God's help, can your church develop its prophetic voice when speaking about poverty?

2. Broken

We are increasingly aware of the divisiveness of politics in the UK today. But this is not the only place where there is division. Our churches, our world, our selves are all in need of redemption and repair. [This pack](#) helps you discuss division and brokenness in our different contexts. The resource opens up space to think together about where repentance is needed, and how we can be part of God's healing and redeeming work

3. Generous

Many people in the UK are having to tighten their belts due to the cost-of-living crisis. In this pack we take a close look at the lived experience of poverty, both near to home and around the world. We explore poverty as a justice issue that demands action. Churches can explore what it might mean to be 'generous' or 'cheerful givers' (2 Corinthians 9.7) when we feel like we have nothing to spare. What gifts do we have that we can share?

4. Located

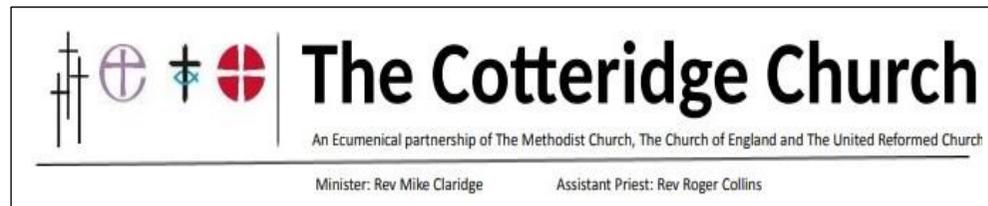
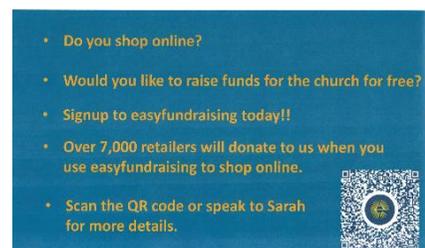
Beginning with reflections on where Jesus chose to place himself during his ministry, this pack equips your church to look afresh at where you are located. This includes your physical environment, community resources, local concerns and priorities. Groups can explore questions about how we discern what God is already doing in our community, about life on the margins, and who has power in your locality.

5. Hopeful this pack helps churches outline their hopes for the future and turn these hopes into a manifesto for action. There are practical ideas about facilitating events and community discussion in the lead up to the General Election. And there's an exploration of how nurturing hope can be part of our calling to love our neighbour. What will your church do to grow hope in 2024?



**COFFEE BAR
MONDAY TO
FRIDAY 8.30
TO 1.30
SATURDAY
10.00-12.00**

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Sunday 18th February 2024

Lent 1

**10.30am Morning Worship
Mike Claridge**

Merciful God,
we know we cannot keep the Lenten fast
without your help,
without your continual guidance.
Turn us again with your loving care
to follow Jesus' way of restoration and
repair
Amen

**Hymns 504, 706 240, 713, 238
Reading Isaiah 58 6-12 Mark 1 9-15
Readers Gill B Dorothy A
Music John Tesh
Sound Neil W**

7.00 Lent Couse

**Activity bags for young children are
available from the stewards**

We remember our pastoral links

Rita S with Elsa C and Bob H
Tim and Sue C with John C Hazel F Alastair
and Clare G, Suzy H, Peter R Helen S
Miriam T and Pam W

Those in long term need Jenny F, Mary
and David W, Norman and Philomena,
Lauren D, Geoff W, Lyn, FriedL Sue S,
Maurice W

Prayer Cards

Sally and Bernie, Lesley D

We pray for those who have died

Hazel Nash, Fiona W, Ken Fryer

**The calling of The Cotteridge Church to
respond to the Gospel of God's love in
Christ and to live out its discipleship in
worship and mission**



Notice sheet is prepared by Roger to whom
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Calendar

Monday 19th February

10.00 Messy Church planning

Tuesday 20th February

10.00 Holy Communion Barbara Calvert

10.30 Lent Course

11.30 Praying Through Change

12.00 POD tuition

6.00 Datus

6.15 Brownies Rainbows Guides

Wednesday 21st February

11.00 Extended Exercise

7.00 Games Club

7.30 Worship Zoom

Thursday 22nd February

10.30 Cotteridge Crafters

Friday 23rd February

8.30 Saplings

6.15 Boys Brigade

Saturday 24 February

10.30 Phoenix Singers

10.30 Mid Hospital Choir

Sunday 25th February

LENT 2

10.30 Holy Communion

Mike Claridge

7.00 Lent Course Roger

10th March

Mothering Sunday

24th March Holy Week

Palm Sunday

28th March

Maundy Thursday

29th March Good Friday

30th March Easter Saturday

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

Christian Aid Week 12-18th May

Flowers.

As we are now in the season of Lent there will be no flowers in the church until Easter.. There maybe flowers in the Pennine way and there may also be some decorations for Mothering Sunday..thank you as ever for all your support. Thank you too Rita and Linda for your beautiful arrangements. Sandra

Future Events

Friday 1st March 2024

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

I beg you, bear with one another in love. This is the theme of this year's Day of Prayer when we concentrate on Palestine. The Service will be at St. Nicholas Church, Kings Norton. Friday March 1st. 1.30 & 7pm. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served after the services.

Pastoral Links Meeting

On Saturday 16th March there will be a Pastoral Links meeting, led by Rev Mike Claridge, time to be confirmed.

Strategy Group

On Sunday 17th March a light lunch will be provided for you to comment on the Mission and Vision paper or in writing if you prefer

Lent Groups

"This Lent we are using the Christian Aid material called 'Act on Poverty'. There will be a choice of sessions either Sunday evenings at 7.00pm or Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. Each will last from 45 mins to an hour (maximum!) If you would like a sample the first session it is available here. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/act-on-poverty-session-one-prophetic>. Come along and enjoy an informal discussion!

18th and 20th Feb Mike
25th and 27th Feb - Roger
3rd and 5th Mar - Mike
10th and 12th Mar - Mike
17th and 19th Mar - Roger

Strategy Update

The last few weeks have seen digital and paper copies of the survey be returned. The Strategy Group are now reading and analysing the results. We have been grateful for all the energy and the thoughtful comments the returns contained and look forward to sharing the results with you shortly.

BOOKCENTRE

recommended Lent reading.

9.99

10.99



A new selection of Easter Cards are now available



Zaytoon is a non-profit company established to support marginalised farming communities in Palestine through the production of olive oil and other olive products. Olive oil £15.50 and dates T

Toilet Rolls 1.05 Paper

Towels £2.65 Tissues

1.58

Coffee Cafedirect

Fairtrade Mayan Gold Instant £6.35

Fairtrade Machu Picchu decaff £5.75

Fair trade Machu Picchu Instant 6.35

Fairtrade Ground 5.75

Fair trade Tea 4.99



B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank

Last week we received in 1899k and gave out 1814k feeding 199 clients on 110 vouchers



Colmers Farm Primary



Laura Beavers Rachel Slimming world

Urgently needed

Tinned fruit (in juice - not prunes, grapefruit or rhubarb), tinned meat (ham, corned beef, pork sandwich, pulled pork, chicken pasta sauce, rice (500g), tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines), jam/honey, chocolate bars, tinned rice pudding, instant hot chocolate (not cocoa powder), cereal (not greater than 500g), UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned/carton ready-made custard, toothpaste, liquid/bar soap, laundry liquid/powder (not family-sized), sanitary pads

During January the B30 and South Birmingham foodbank feed 1264 clients on 611 Vouchers