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Mobilising the Church to help end modern slavery.

Make It Slavery Free

As we approach Autumn many of us will return from our holidays and begin to focus on the challenges that lie ahead. In October we launch our Anti-Slavery Day campaign *Make It Slavery Free* and we have produced some posters to promote the campaign. A key part of ensuring a slavery-free community is good safeguarding practice and we have many training courses and materials to support you in your role.

Please forward this newsletter to your friends and colleagues and encourage them to sign up to receive it regularly.

New posters for Anti-Slavery Day

For Anti-Slavery Day we want to encourage churches, businesses and individuals to take a pledge to become slavery-free in all aspects of work and life. This involves committing to delivering three anti-slavery actions this year which could include using the Safe Car Wash App, displaying awareness-raising posters up at your food bank or attending one of our safeguarding sessions.

As part of the campaign we have made available Make It Slavery Free posters which you can customise to include your name and the three actions you will deliver. The posters are available from the [CPO website \(Christian Publishing & Outreach\)](#).



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Seven Letters to the Church: A new study resource for Anti-Slavery Week

On 16 October we are launching a new bible study resource based on John's Seven Letters to the churches. John wrote his letters at a time of great anxiety and uncertainty.

You are invited to receive these letters and respond in prayer, meditation and action. You can study the letters over the course of one week – you may wish to study a letter every day of Anti-Slavery Week – or you can study a letter per week over seven weeks. The letters can be used as part of a bible study group or for individual study.

There will be the opportunity at the end for individuals and parishes to consider making a pledge to help make communities slavery free.

We will send out a letter each day via email during Anti-Slavery Week. Please sign up below if you would like to join our mailing list to receive the letters.

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Learn how to slavery-proof your parish – vital training for Parish Safeguarding Officers!

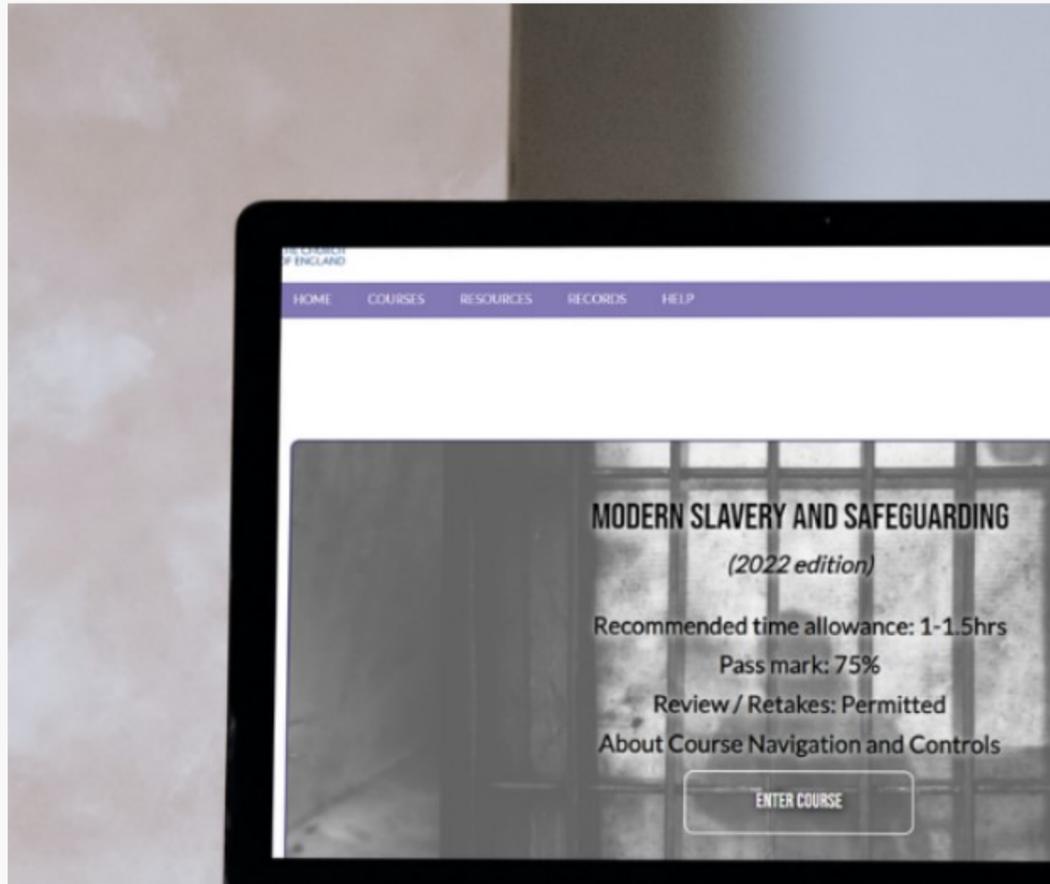


The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is the key link between the diocese and the parish concerning safeguarding matters. It is their responsibility to have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and to ensure the successful implementation of the safeguarding policy.

This autumn we are delivering training to help PSOs **recognise** signs of exploitation and modern slavery in their communities and know how to **respond, record** and **refer** concerns about modern slavery and exploitation.

We have two sessions available on 18 October and 14 November. We design our training to be super accessible – it is online and only lasts for 90 minutes.

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Updated Modern Slavery and Safeguarding e-learning course

We've updated and relaunched our Modern Slavery module on the Church of England's safeguarding portal. This module will be useful to anyone with a safeguarding remit, especially if you are unable to attend one of our training sessions.

This interactive course is in two parts exploring the role of churches in raising awareness and taking action against modern slavery as well as how we engage with concerns. Throughout the session you will gain an understanding of modern slavery and human trafficking and you will learning how to recognise, respond, refer and record concerns.

The course has been designed so that you can take a break at any point and return to complete when convenient for you.

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Wokingham Baptist's Pioneering Community Resilience Project

In the summer of 2021, Wokingham Baptist Church started dedicating one Sunday a month to “church in the community.”

People were invited to act on their passions and start up activities in the community rather than come to church. Jackie Mouradian, a County Lines trainer for The Clewer Initiative, decided to gather a team to visit one of Wokingham's new estates and provide activities that build community and at the same time, raise awareness of county lines.

Jackie explains: “We had been informed by the local police that nine county lines run into Wokingham and we know that recruitment of children happens everywhere – not just in the big cities. Children from more affluent households are drawn in as well as more vulnerable children from deprived households.”

[READ THE INTERVIEW IN FULL](#)



Using Virtual Reality to raise awareness of modern slavery

The Pan-Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership (PLASP) has been pioneering anti-slavery action and awareness for the last 5 years. Sion Hall, the chair of PLASP is always looking for new and exciting ways to communicate the issues of modern slavery to different audiences. He became aware that the Lancashire Constabulary had invested in a number of virtual reality (VR) headsets and he began researching how this cutting-edge technology could be used to raise awareness of modern slavery.

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Upcoming training

We have a selection of free online courses on various topics to help you learn more about modern slavery and what you can do to respond to this heinous crime.

1) County Lines: Train the Trainer Faith

5, 12, 19 October 14:30-16:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/384680819687>

2) County Lines for Grandparents, Parents and Guardians

15 September 10:00-11:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/384745773967>

3) County Lines for Foster Parents

16 September 10:00-12:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/384755091837>

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Success stories from Operation Aidant

In June the Safe Car Wash App was promoted as part of Operation Aidant, a nationwide campaign organised by the National Crime Agency to target modern slavery at hand car washes.

During Quarter Two 2022, the period that included Operation Aidant, 100% of all reports submitted to the Modern Slavery Helpline through the Safe Car Wash App resulted in a referral being sent to a relevant agency. The campaign also saw law enforcement tackling modern slavery on the ground with Thames Valley Police identifying 16 potential victims of modern slavery in hand car washes.

These outcomes show how important it is to both use the Safe Car Wash App and submit a report to the Modern Slavery Helpline if your report reaches a threshold of concern. Thank you for all you do to promote the Safe Car Wash App.



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Tell us your story!

We love hearing about what you are doing to combat modern slavery in your community. We want to share case studies of anti-slavery action every month in our newsletter and through our social media channels. Please tell us what you are doing so more people can be inspired and learn from you! Email clewerinitiative@churchofengland.org with your story!

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The Clewer Initiative enables Church of England dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies for detecting modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care. [Learn More](#)

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