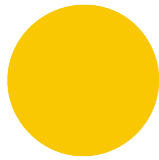


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## INITIATIVE

*Mobilising the Church to help end modern slavery.*

### Do One Thing

In this month's newsletter, we share news of our exciting Anti-Slavery Day campaign and national online service which was recently filmed in Canterbury Cathedral.

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



Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover, shares the One Thing she has resolved to do to fight modern slavery this year #DOT4ASD #AntiSlaveryDay

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## Do One Thing for ASD 2023

Anti-Slavery Day is an annual opportunity for churches, businesses, charities, and individuals to consider afresh what they can do to eliminate modern slavery in their communities.

However, when we hear the numbers of people trapped in slavery in the UK and beyond, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless.

That's why we've launched our "Do One Thing" campaign to coincide with Anti Slavery Day this October!

Any action, no matter how small, could change or save the life of somebody in desperate circumstances. What's more, small steps can lead to more significant changes and working towards slavery-free communities is not something we can do on our own or overnight.

It could be as simple as signing up for a modern slavery seminar to learn more about the issue, putting up helpline posters around your church buildings, or downloading the Safe Car Wash App and using it whenever you go to a hand car wash.

So, this month, please:

- think about one step you can take to fight modern slavery
- film yourself or your church describing your pledge, upload to your socials and tag The Clewer Initiative. Use the hashtags #DOT4ASD #AntiSlaveryDay
- look out for our short films on your socials and please share them widely!  
We need to inspire more people!

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Sian from Hidden Voices Bridgwater shares her Do One Thing pledge #DOT4ASD  
#AntiSlaveryDay

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## Planning a church service for Anti-Slavery Day?

Looking for inspiration for an Anti-Slavery Day service in October? Unsure what to include in terms of liturgy? Check out our comprehensive resource which is full of suggested Bible readings, prayers, hymns, and liturgy.

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## Join us for the Church of England's online Sunday Service to mark Anti-Slavery Day

**Sunday 15 October 2023**

### **Special national service for Anti-Slavery Day**

We are honoured to have the opportunity, once again, to organise the Church of England's online service on Sunday 15th October. It will focus on the link between modern slavery and refugees.

The service will be led by Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover, and will come from the Huguenot Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral. Bishop Rose will also provide the sermon.

We are thankful to everyone who contributed towards the service including the Revd Dr Emma Pennington (Canon Missioner at the Cathedral), Revd Dr Jonathan Arnold (Executive Director of The Social Justice Network at Diocese of Canterbury), Domenica Pecoraro (the Kent Refugee Project Office and Church of England National Community Sponsorship Representative), and Youseff.

[LINK TO ONLINE SERVICE](#)

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE](#)



## A new bus for Lancashire

At the start of September, the Pan Lancashire Anti Slavery Partnership (PLASP) enjoyed its first outing with its new Freedom Bus.

Members of the PLASP were joined by the local Soroptimists and gathered in Leyland to help raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, carrying placards and giving out leaflets. The bus attracted a huge amount of attention from members of the public and provided the team with lots of opportunities to talk about how to spot the signs of modern slavery.

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## Keep them in school

BBC Radio 4's [File on 4 programme](#) recently explored the trend towards county lines gangs targeting extremely vulnerable children who have been permanently excluded from school.

It also discovered that children with special education needs are five times more likely to be excluded and that they too can be especially at risk of exploitation.

The report shared the story of Will, a 13-year-old boy with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, who once outside the education system, was targeted by a gang.

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE REPORT](#)

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CHILDREN IN THE SHADOWS](#)

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## Preventing school exclusion

The senior management team at a local primary school knew of Rob's interest in modern slavery and asked him for help when they became concerned about four young boys who were involved in county lines.

Rob explains: "When I'm not working for The Clewer Initiative, I am a creative education specialist using art to get alongside vulnerable children. The staff at one of the schools I work in was worried about four boys who were at extreme risk of expulsion.

"The staff, social services and police believed that keeping the children in school was the best place for them because if they were expelled or sent to a Pupil Referral Unit, it would only lead them further into the criminal world they were already a part of."

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[THINK MORE ABOUT EXCLUDED CHILDREN](#)

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## Going global!

World Youth Day is a global gathering for young people, organised by the Catholic Church. It occurs every few years. This year, World Youth Day took place in Lisbon, with around 1.5 million young people attending and our Business Support Officer, Amy, was able to go along to help with the Talitha Kum stand.

Since the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking in February, Amy has been part of a group of young people working with Talitha Kum to raise awareness of human trafficking.

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Filmmaker Nicola Prestage explains the impact of a single action #DOT4ASD  
#AntiSlaveryDay

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### SIGN UP FOR MODERN SLAVERY TRAINING

#### 1. Breaking County Lines Train the Trainer Secular Organisations

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breaking-county-lines-train-the-trainer-secular-organisations-tickets-671383946457>

Wed 15th November 14:30-16:30

Wed 22nd November 14:30-16:30

To find out more, visit <https://theclewerinitiative.org/training-and-events>

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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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