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THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Mobilising the Church to help end modern slavery.

New national campaign

This month, our newsletter contains everything you need to know about our ***Make It Slavery Free*** campaign - posters, ideas, social media assets, weblinks plus information about the upcoming online service for Anti-Slavery Day and our unique, new devotional "Seven Letters to the Church."

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



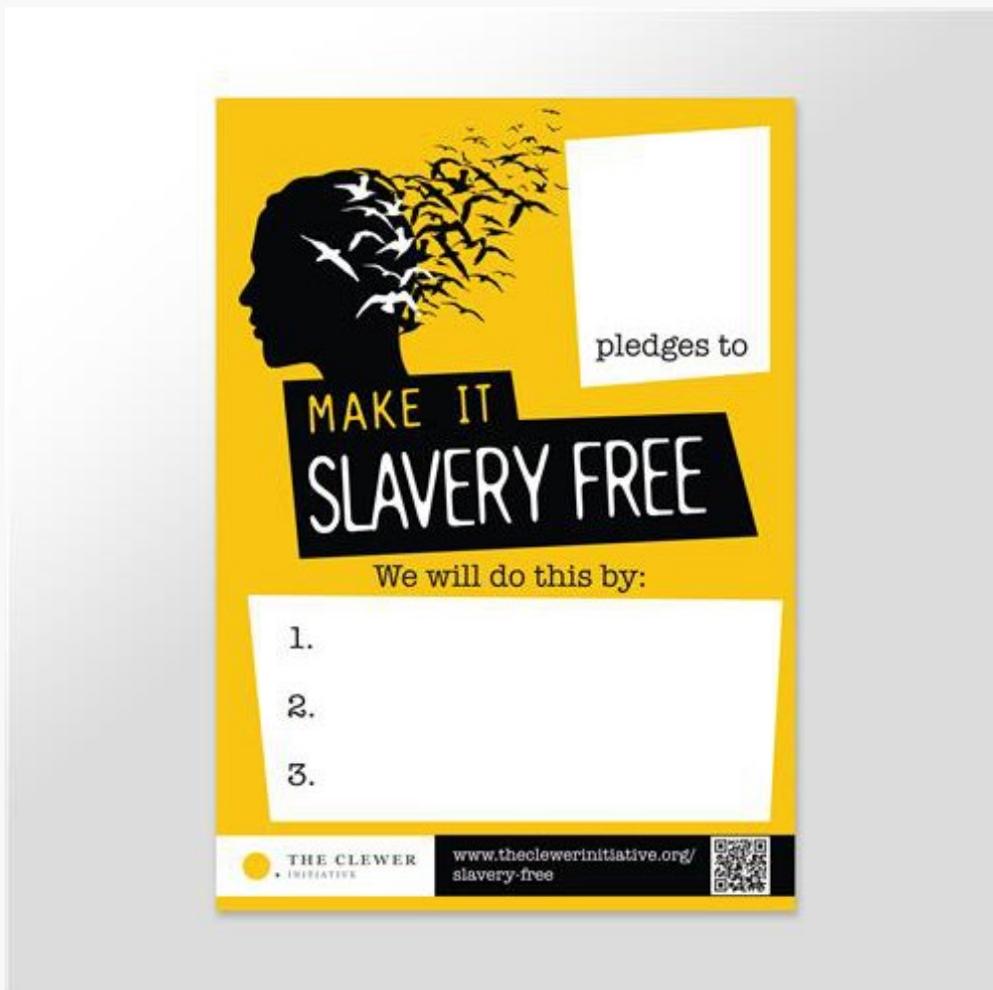
Pledge to make a difference

Make It Slavery Free is The Clewer Initiative's new campaign to encourage churches, businesses and individuals to take the next step in building a slavery-free world. It is a year-long campaign but launching this month to coincide with Anti-Slavery Day.

To help hold one another accountable, we are encouraging people to sign a pledge and commit to delivering three anti-slavery actions over the next year. To help inspire you, we have put together [a list of anti-slavery actions](#).

Any action, no matter how small, could change or save the life of somebody in desperate circumstances.

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Customisable posters to display your good intentions

We have created a range of ***Make It Slavery Free*** posters and flyers which can be ordered for free and customised to include your name and the actions you will take. Once signed, they can be displayed in churches, businesses or community spaces.

ORDER POSTERS TODAY



Including *Make It Slavery Free* on your socials

We have created a number of *Make It Slavery Free* social media assets and some template copy for churches and organisations to use. Please use these assets throughout October and beyond to engage and challenge your networks to get on board with the campaign and sign the pledge!

Don't forget to use the hashtag #MakeItSlaveryFree and tag @theclewer on Twitter and @theclewerinitiative on Instagram and Facebook!

DOWNLOAD SOCIAL MEDIA ASSETS

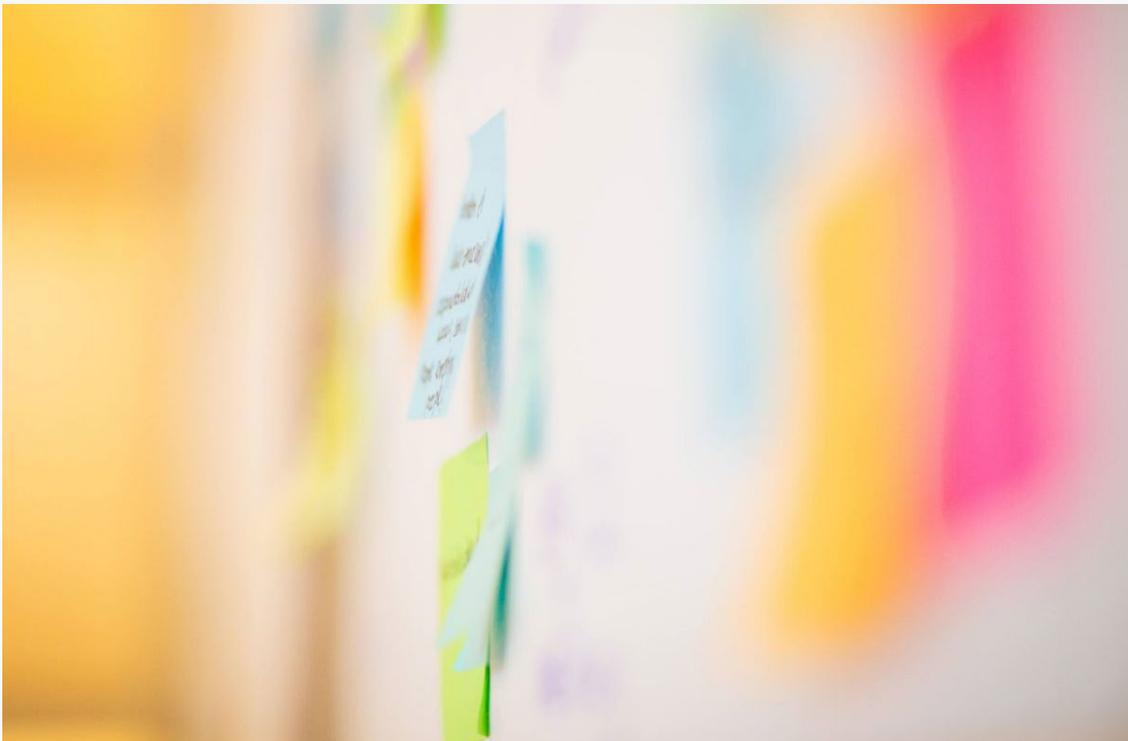
Why we fight

Walk Free, the International Organization for Labor and the International Organization for Migration has just launched its latest Global Estimates of Modern Slavery. It makes sobering reading.

According to the report, nearly 50 million people are victims of modern slavery, with approximately 28 million forced to work against their will and 22 million in forced marriages. This is ten million more people in modern slavery than the 2017 global estimates.

The report helps dispel various myths about modern slavery. It also provides the rationale behind our Make It Slavery Free yearlong campaign.

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Three anti-slavery actions that anyone could take...

- 1. Attend a [modern slavery training course](#)** - learn how to recognise and respond to issues relating to modern slavery.
- 2. Interrogate your supply chain** – with the cost of living crisis squeezing our finances, it can be hard to commit to only purchasing Fairtrade products. However, companies want to satisfy their consumers so let them know how important a Slavery Free supply chain is to you - you can write to them or contact them on social media.
- 3. Use the [Safe Car Wash App](#) regularly** – discover how to identify and report modern slavery at your local hand car wash by using this unique app.

DOWNLOAD A LIST OF ANTI-SLAVERY ACTIONS



How to move from good intentions to action

What the Couch to 5k running model can teach us about embedding social action in our lives

Anyone who has made and broken New Year's resolutions knows how hard it is to embed change in our busy lives. It is easy to feel convicted about the need to take action against modern slavery, but much harder to actually do something and keep going for the long run.

What can we learn from the success of the Couch to 5K running model about transforming good intentions to action? How has the Couch to 5k app empowered more than five million people to take up running and keep running?

READ MORE



Sign up to receive our new **Anti-Slavery Week** devotional

Bishop Alastair Redfern, the chair of The Clewer Initiative, has written a new bible study resource, inspired by John's seven letters to the churches in Asia. The resource has been designed to coincide with Anti-Slavery Week and our new ***Make It Slavery Free*** campaign.

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

[SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE LETTERS EACH DAY](#)

[DOWNLOAD THE DEVOTIONAL TODAY](#)



The Church of England's weekly online worship service marks Anti-Slavery Day

We are privileged, once again, to be coordinating the Church of England's weekly online worship service for Anti-Slavery Day. It will be broadcast on 16th October and will include music from St Martin's Voices as well as contributions from the Bishop of London; Bishop Alastair Redfern, the chair of The Clewer Initiative; Fred Kratt, the Faith and Communities Navigator with the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership and Sian Owen from Hidden Voices, Bridgwater.

Garry Smith, CEO of the Medaille Trust; Paul Cavagin, the Serious and Organised Crime Prevention Officer at the Cumbria Constabulary, Joyce Steiner, Esther Muhagachi and the Revd Janice Price will also play a part in the service.

Sign up to receive updates about weekly online services



Our Anti-Slavery Day church resource hub

The Clewer Initiative has assembled everything you need to run an Anti-Slavery Day church service. Our resource includes liturgy, Bible readings, hymn suggestions, a sermon script and ideas to structure corporate prayer.

[DOWNLOAD FULL RESOURCE HERE](#)



Calling all artists!

Hidden Voices Bridgwater is hosting an art exhibition from October 15th- 22nd to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking. **It is looking for artists to come forward with art to contribute to the exhibition.** This is an exciting opportunity as the art will be displayed at Bridgwater and Burnham on Sea libraries and seen by many local people. The deadline for receiving contributions is 13th October.

For more information, please email contact@hvbridgwater.com

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-based course)

12, 19 October 14:30-16:30

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

2) County Lines for Foster Parents

18 November 10-12:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-training-for-foster-parents-tickets-384755091837>

3) County Lines training for Diocesan Safeguarding Teams

10 October 10-12:00

7 November 13-15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/388686550937>

4) The Clewer Initiative Project Leads Modern Slavery and Safeguarding Training

3 November 13-15:00

12 December 19-21:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/388671375547>

5) Modern slavery and safeguarding training for Diocesan Safeguarding Teams

7 November 10-12:00

18 November 13-15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/388674565087>

6) Modern Slavery and Safeguarding Training for Food Bank volunteers

25 November 13-15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/388697533787>

[VIEW ALL UPCOMING TRAINING](#)

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!

Follow us on social for more news from The Clewer Initiative!



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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