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THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Mobilising the Church to help end modern slavery.



At The Clewer Initiative, we continue to remember Her Majesty the Queen and her tireless service of our country. She was an incredible example of faith in action.

Countdown to Anti-Slavery Day

In this issue of our monthly newsletter, we share information about our Make It Slavery Free campaign; the national online service that we are coordinating for Anti-Slavery Day and our unique, new devotional "Seven Letters to the Church." We also reflect on the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches where we were able to lead significant conversations on migration, modern slavery and the role of the church.

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



Have you committed to Make It Slavery Free?

What are you doing to mark Anti-Slavery Day this year? Could you encourage your friends, colleagues or neighbours to sign our Make it Slavery Free pledge and commit to delivering three anti-slavery actions this year?

We have created a range of Make It Slavery Free posters and flyers which can be customised to include your name and the actions you will take. They can be ordered from [Christian Publishing & Outreach](#) and once signed, can be displayed in churches, businesses or community spaces. We have also put together [a list of potential anti-slavery actions](#) that individuals or churches could commit to.

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The Clewer Initiative shares its experience of migration and modern slavery at the World Council of Churches General Assembly

At the start of September, delegates from The Clewer Initiative attended the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Karlsruhe, Germany. The WCC is the broadest and most inclusive, modern, ecumenical movement and brings together churches, denominations and fellowships from more than 120 countries. The assembly convenes every eight years and provides member churches with a unique space to reflect, speak, act, worship and work together.

The Clewer Initiative has been formally working with the WCC since March 2020 on a pilot project to challenge issues on modern slavery, particularly as it affects children. Early stages of the pilot have involved developing relationships with the Christian Councils in Ghana and Tanzania and with The Federation of Evangelical Churches in Italy and discerning an effective and sustainable work programme. We were able to present our joint learnings at the Assembly. In addition, our director was able to be involved in an Ecumenical Conversation on migration: conversations provide an opportunity to draw on the insights of WCC networks, member churches, and partners, and discuss emerging ecumenical and global concerns.

[READ THE ARTICLE IN FULL](#)



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

On Sunday 16th October to mark Anti-Slavery Week, we are launching a new bible study resource based on John's seven letters to the churches. John wrote these 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 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.

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 this unique devotional.

[SIGN UP](#)

New anti-slavery posters for Food Banks



This month, we have created some new posters, suitable for displaying in Food Banks to inform volunteers and Food Bank users about modern slavery.

Raising awareness of modern slavery in Food Banks is a crucial part of our work. Many food bank users are vulnerable and at risk of exploitation. We have heard anecdotally that traffickers are using food banks as a way to recruit people and also feed their victims at no cost to themselves. This trend is despicable and must be stopped which is why we have put together these posters and developed safeguarding training for people working and volunteering at Food Banks.

Why not volunteer to put these posters up at your local Food Bank – this action could be one of your three Make it Slavery Free actions?

[GET POSTERS HERE](#)

SIGN UP FOR FOOD BANKS TRAINING HERE



Join us online on Sunday 16th October to mark Anti-Slavery Day

Once again, The Clewer Initiative has been asked to coordinate the Church of England's weekly online worship service. It will be broadcast on 16th October and will include music from St Martin's Voices as well as contributions from 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 Owens 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



SPOTTING THE SIGNS

The one stop shop for flyers and posters about modern slavery

The Clewer Initiative's latest flyers and posters are now available to order for free from [The Clewer Initiative :: Christian Publishing and Outreach \(CPO\)](#) You can order flyers and posters about the Safe Car Wash App, Make it Slavery Free and how to spot the signs of modern slavery.



Help! I'm organising an Anti-Slavery Day church service and I don't know what to do!

There is no need to fear or panic! The Clewer Initiative has assembled all 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.

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)

5, 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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