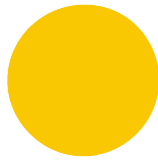


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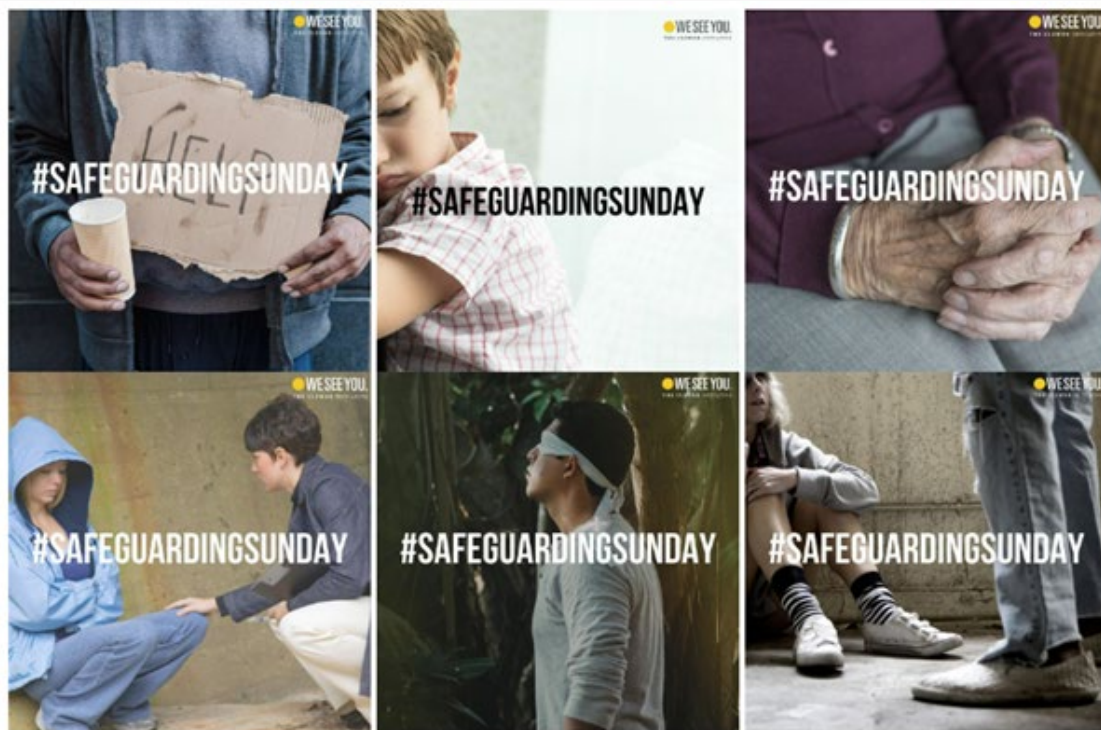
THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Mobilising the Church to help end modern slavery.

Making the most of Safeguarding Sunday

In this month's newsletter, we share a theology of safeguarding as well as our many resources for Parish Safeguarding Officers. We also include summaries of our recent visits to Manchester and Bradford where grassroots action is gaining momentum.

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



Safeguarding Sunday (19th November) is an annual awareness raising

campaign for churches run by the charity Thirtyone:eight and coincides with the start of Safeguarding Adults Week (20–24 November).

It provides churches with a perfect opportunity to highlight and celebrate the good work that is being done behind the scenes to protect vulnerable people.

Last year, churches reported that as a result of Safeguarding Sunday, they saw:

- greater positive awareness and understanding of safeguarding among church members
- an increase in the number of people feeling able to talk about their abuse for the first time
- more volunteers coming forward for safeguarding roles and to help with children's and youth work
- an increased number of people completing safeguarding training and criminal record checks
- a greater number of Safeguarding Leads feeling supported in their role by the church.

Equipping Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO) to learn more about modern slavery and championing the importance of having good safeguarding policies in place in the fight against exploitation are key priorities for The Clewer Initiative. Over the last few years, we have delivered training to dozens of PSOs and created a raft of bespoke resources.

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFERING



#SAFEGUARDINGSUNDAY

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is a form of abuse for adults
under the CARE Act

Listen to Becca Faal, the Diocese of Gloucester's Safeguarding Officer and a Safeguarding Trainer for The Clewer Initiative, explain how good safeguarding can help in the fight against modern slavery.



What does the Bible teach about child protection and safeguarding?

There are a number of Bible passages which can be used to help people

develop a robust theology around safeguarding and caring for children and young people.

Discussing these passages together in the lead up to Safeguarding Sunday could be a good way to get people thinking about our God-given responsibility.

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Four amazing resources for PSOs

1. Unique safeguarding training

We run training on the following subjects:

- Refugees, safeguarding and modern slavery
- Safeguarding and modern slavery for diocesan safeguarding teams
- Safeguarding and modern slavery for project leads
- Safeguarding and modern slavery for food banks

County lines training for diocesan safeguarding teams

- Safeguarding and modern slavery for parish safeguarding officers

If you'd be interested in attending one of these sessions, drop us an email on clewerinitiative@churchofengland.org

2. A bespoke PSO Newsletter

The Clewer Initiative publishes a special newsletter for Parish and Cathedral Safeguarding Officers every two months to help equip PSOs with the tools and resources to respond to modern slavery through their roles.

3. A regular online forum for PSOs

We run Forums for Parish Safeguarding Officers who have attended our Modern Slavery and Safeguarding Training. At these online forums, we discuss an area of modern slavery and safeguarding, share good practice and meet with other PSOs from across The Church of England.

4. A webpage for PSOs

We've created a page on our website especially for Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO). It contains all of our resources which we believe can equip PSOs in their vital work.

Please tell anyone involved in safeguarding about these tools and resources that will help them in their day-to-day work and in the fight against modern slavery.

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Pioneering anti-slavery action in the Diocese of Leeds

Last month, The Clewer Initiative and Wellsprings Together brought together dozens of frontline community workers and faith leaders, as well as representatives from the local authority, NHS and Police, to consider how to tackle modern slavery in Bradford and beyond.

Siaa-Liane Mathurin, a Parish Development Worker for Wellsprings Together, explains: “When we began planning the event with The Clewer Initiative, we imagined the room would be full of Church of England vicars. Wonderfully, we underestimated what we could achieve and have in fact welcomed many members of the Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian communities of Bradford as well as people of no faith. This is really important because if we are going to tackle modern slavery effectively, we need a joined-up approach.”

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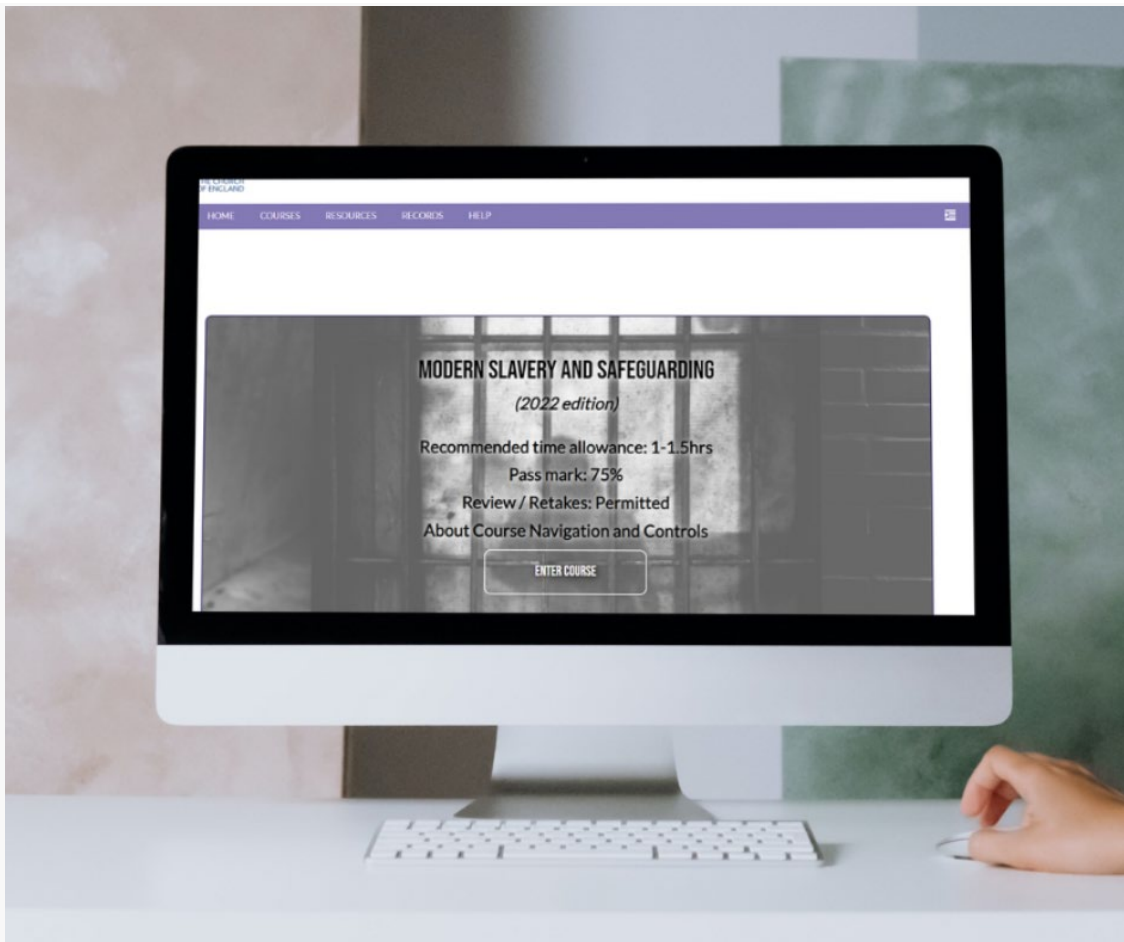


A flying visit

Last month, our Digital Communications Officer had a non-stop day in Manchester, speaking to staff at Manchester Airport and Manchester Cathedral as well as the Police and Airport Chaplains. He asked them about what they are doing to fight modern slavery in the city and airport and how they are marking Anti-Slavery Day.

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The Modern Slavery and Safeguarding E-Learning Course

Learn at your own pace by signing up to The Church of England's Modern Slavery and Safeguarding two part, interactive course. It covers the role of churches in raising awareness and taking action against modern slavery as well as how we engage with concerns. Throughout the sessions you will gain an understanding of modern slavery and human trafficking and how to recognise, respond, refer and record concerns.

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Find out more about our training offering, 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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