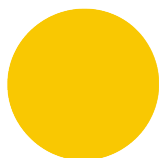


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Mobilising the Church to help end modern slavery.

Protecting women and children from exploitation

This month, we mark International Women's Day, National Child Exploitation Awareness Day and Harriet Monsell Day. Could you use Rayowa, Emma and Jing's films from our new *Journeys* resource to raise awareness of the suffering of women and girls on these key days? How else could you use *Journeys* during the Lent season?

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



A captivating resource to use throughout Lent

While the season of Lent officially began last week, it is not too late to make the most of our new Lent resource, *Journeys*. Consisting of five incredible films and an accompanying booklet, it is the perfect devotional companion for the weeks leading up to Easter.

The material, which has been written by Bishop Alastair Redfern, examines Jesus' final journey to the cross and encourages participants to reflect on the Gospel reading for each Sunday in Lent. It draws inspiration from the Stations of the Cross and looks at a cluster of three stations each week. Also included is a prayer, discussion questions, suggestions for action, case studies, background information and statistics to help deepen your knowledge of modern slavery.

The five mini films focus on a particular victim's journey as well as the modern slavery journeys of churches and volunteers. They explain more about labour

exploitation, county lines, financial exploitation and domestic servitude as well as how to spot the signs of slavery; the importance of community resilience and forging partnerships; the centrality of safeguarding and the power of therapeutic art.

We have also developed a non-faith version for use in secondary schools, businesses, charities, statutory and community organisations.

Whatever your perspective, Journeys is the go-to modern slavery resource for the season!

SEE THE LENT RESOURCE

SEE THE NON-FAITH RESOURCE



Journey with Jesus this Easter

In the lead up to Easter, could you use these drawings, sketched by Bill Crooks, to educate people about the typical journey of a modern slavery victim?

Bill has created 30 new images – 15 of Jesus' final steps to the cross and 15 of a modern slavery victim's journey. They depict the physical brutality, mental

anguish, isolation and verbal attacks that Jesus experienced and many victims often face.

Our hope is that by putting the two sets of images side by side they may prompt important discussions and provide a fresh perspective on modern slavery.

SEE THE TRADITIONAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SEE THE CONTEMPORARY STATIONS

#EmbraceEquity – why are women disproportionately affected by modern slavery?



International Women's Day (Wed March 8th) is a global day celebrating the

social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. This year's theme is #EmbraceEquity.

In the area of modern slavery, women are disproportionately affected. There are many factors that contribute towards this gender imbalance such as the fact that only 2 in 5 girls worldwide complete secondary school and each year, 15 million girls will never go to school. This lack of education increases the risk of child marriage and forced labour. Globally, there are 122 women (aged 25-34) in extreme poverty for every 100 men of the same age which makes women and girls disproportionately vulnerable to exploitation.

Modern slavery statistics:

- Fifty four per cent of global modern slavery victims are female
- One in every 130 females globally is living in modern slavery
- Two thirds of all forced marriage victims are women or girls
- 13 million girls experience forced sex in their lifetime
- Sexual exploitation and domestic servitude disproportionately affect women and girls.



Domestic servitude disproportionally affects women and girls - listen to Rayowa tell her story of getting trapped in domestic servitude in London

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WOMEN IN THE SHADOWS

Ending Child Sexual Exploitation in 2023

March 18th is National Child Exploitation Awareness Day and this year's focus is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The hope is that through the campaign, more people will know how to spot and speak out against abuse and will adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

The NWG network that organises the awareness day has created a number of [posters and web banners](#) and is encouraging people to get behind the campaign on social media with the hashtags #CEADay23 and #EndCSEin23.

Raising awareness of Child Exploitation is something that The Clewer Initiative works tirelessly to achieve. Our [Breaking County Lines](#) training and [bespoke seminars](#) for parents, grandparents, guardians, foster carers and teachers are an excellent way to increase your understanding of how criminal gangs and individuals target, trap and exploit children.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR BESPOKE TRAINING



Listen to Jing's story of Child Sexual Exploitation



Students create a dazzling glass panel to communicate the horrors of modern slavery

The Clewer Initiative recently collaborated with Southwark Cathedral and The Glaziers' Company (one of the ancient Livery Companies of the City of London) on an eye-catching, creative project with local school children.

Young people, from a range of backgrounds and aged between twelve to fourteen, were given an introduction to modern slavery. They then worked with The Glaziers' Company to design a stained-glass panel to help articulate their reflections.

The stained-glass panel was unveiled at Southwark Cathedral where there was a further presentation about modern day slavery.



Listen to The Revd Canon Jay Colwill, Canon Missioner at Southwark Cathedral, explain how the project unfolded.

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Harriet Monsell, foundress of CSJB

Celebrating the life of Harriet Monsell on Sunday 26th March

Harriet Monsell's story provides ongoing inspiration to The Clewer Initiative. She is an amazing example of a Christian response to a complex and seemingly intractable issue.

Harriet Monsell was the first leader of the religious community formed in the parish of Clewer to respond to the huge local issue of sex slavery. She lived from 1811 – 1883 and is remembered in the Church of England's calendar of saints on 26 March.

Much of The Clewer Initiative's approach to community mobilisation has been modelled on Harriet Monsell's ground-breaking ministry. We seek to follow her footsteps in focusing on prayer, practical action and partnership.

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Representing The Clewer Initiative at a global summit

Amy, our Business Support Officer, recently returned from an unforgettable trip to Rome. Along with 15 other youth ambassadors from across the world, she took part in a week of anti-slavery workshops and events to mark the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking, including a memorable audience with the Pope.

We are incredibly proud of Amy for representing The Clewer Initiative at this global event. She was the only young person from the UK to be chosen to attend the gathering and also the only Anglican! She had the privilege of meeting with 15 other young representatives from around the world to spend the week sharing learning, brainstorming and discussing potential ways to work together and galvanise other young people in the fight against human trafficking.

The week of engagement against human trafficking included an ecumenical prayer vigil, a flash mob, an all-day livestream to mark St. Bakhita's Day, an unforgettable audience with the Pope plus various presentations and training workshops.





Watch the flash mob which took place in Rome last month!

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Dozens gather in Plymouth to mark St. Bakhita's Day

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth, Transforming Plymouth Together, the Diocese of Exeter and The Clewer Initiative hosted an event on St. Bakhita's Day to raise awareness of modern-day slavery and exploitation.

Entitled 'Journeying in dignity', the well-attended event provided an excellent opportunity to learn more about modern slavery and human trafficking and its presence in Devon and Cornwall.

Representatives from the British Red Cross, Devon & Cornwall Police and The Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Unit spoke at the event, sharing their experience of modern slavery as well as suggesting practical steps that people can take to fight slavery in their communities. After these presentations, Caroline Virgo, the Director of The Clewer Initiative took part in a question and answer session.





Temporary Detective Inspector Dan Parkinson of Devon & Cornwall Police explains that modern slavery occurs in every community and the importance of reporting all suspicions.

SIGN UP FOR MODERN SLAVERY TRAINING

1. Modern Slavery and Safeguarding Refugees Training

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/514770832417>

Wednesday 15th March 19:00-20:30

Thursday 23rd March 10:00-11:30

2. Breaking County Lines Train the Trainer - secular organisations

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breaking-county-lines-train-the-trainer-secular-organisations-tickets-491667640147>

Wednesday 19th April 14:30-16:30

Wednesday 26th April 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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