

## ACT ON POVERTY the sessions are

### 1. Prophetic

[this pack](#) looks at what it means for churches to speak prophetically. The Bible shows us that being a prophet is far from easy. Many prophets have felt powerless, despite being called by God to speak out. How, with God's help, can your church develop its prophetic voice when speaking about poverty?

### 2. Broken

We are increasingly aware of the divisiveness of politics in the UK today. But this is not the only place where there is division. Our churches, our world, our selves are all in need of redemption and repair. [This pack](#) helps you discuss division and brokenness in our different contexts. The resource opens up space to think together about where repentance is needed, and how we can be part of God's healing and redeeming work

### 3. Generous

Many people in the UK are having to tighten their belts due to the cost-of-living crisis. In this pack we take a close look at the lived experience of poverty, both near to home and around the world. We explore poverty as a justice issue that demands action. Churches can explore what it might mean to be 'generous' or 'cheerful givers' (2 Corinthians 9.7) when we feel like we have nothing to spare. What gifts do we have that we can share?

### 4. Located

Beginning with reflections on where Jesus chose to place himself during his ministry, this pack equips your church to look afresh at where you are located. This includes your physical environment, community resources, local concerns and priorities. Groups can explore questions about how we discern what God is already doing in our community, about life on the margins, and who has power in your locality.

**5. Hopeful** this pack helps churches outline their hopes for the future and turn these hopes into a manifesto for action. There are practical ideas about facilitating events and community discussion in the lead up to the General Election. And there's an exploration of how nurturing hope can be part of our calling to love our neighbour. What will your church do to grow hope in 2024?




**COFFEE BAR**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.30 TO 1.30**  
**SATURDAY**

**10.00-12.00**

The Cotteridge Church  
Minister Mike Claridge 0121 433 5176  
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**The Cotteridge Church**  
An ecumenical partnership of The Methodist Church, The Church of England and The United Reformed Church

Minister: Revd Mike Claridge Associate Minister: Revd Roger Collins

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**10.30am ALL AGE WORSHIP**  
Barbara Calvert

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

**Hymns 18, 531 536,234, 397**  
**Readings Mark 2 1-12**  
**Readers Boys Brigade**  
**Music Peter C**  
**Sound John T**

**6.30 Evening Prayer**  
Jane Stephens

**Activity bags for young children are available from the stewards**

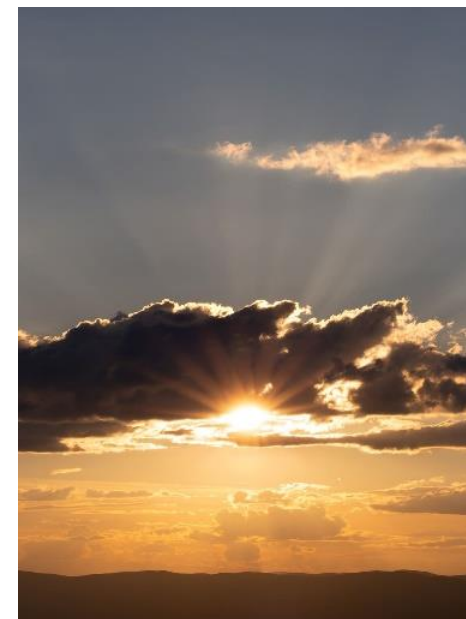
**We remember our pastoral links**  
Rita S with Elsa C and Bob H  
Tim and Sue C with John Cliff Hazel F  
Alastair and Clare G, Suzy H, Peter R  
Helen S Miriam T and Pam W

**Those in long term need** Jenny F,  
Marion and David W, Norman and  
Philomena, Ken F Lauren D, Geoff W,  
Lyn, FriedL Dorothy T, Sue S, Maurice  
and Fiona

**Prayer Cards**  
Sally and Bernie, Lesley D

**We pray for those who have died**  
Hazel Nash

**The calling of The Cotteridge Church to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.**



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## Calendar

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

- 10.00 Holy Communion Barbara
- 10.30 Praying through Change
- 12.00 POD tuition
- 6.00 Datus
- 6.15 Rainbows Brownies and Guides
- 7.30 Joint Church Council

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

- 11.00 Extended Exercise
- 7.00 Games Club
- 7.30 Worship on Zoom

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

- 10.30 Cotteridge Crafters

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

- 9.30 Saplings



- 6.15 Boys Brigade

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

- Sunday Next before Lent
- 10.30 Holy Cmmunion Roger Collins

## Future Events

### Pastoral Links Meeting

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March there will be a Pastoral Links meeting, led by Rev Mike Claridge, time to be confirmed.

### Strategy Group

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> a light lunch will be provided for you to comment on the Mission and Vision paper or in writing if you prefer

### Lent Groups

“This Lent we are using the Christian Aid material called ‘Act on Poverty’. There will be a choice of sessions either Sunday evenings at 7.00pm or Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. Each will last from 45 mins to an hour (maximum!) If you would like a sample the first session it is available here. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/act-on-poverty-session-one-prophetic>. Come along and enjoy an informal discussion!

### Flowers

Flowers arranged today by Rita Sutton in memory of her brother and sister in law, Geoff and June Wyer

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Ash Wednesday Zoom Service

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Mothering Sunday

### 24<sup>th</sup> March Holy Week

Palm Sunday

### 28<sup>th</sup> March

Maundy Thursday

### 29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday

### 30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Saturday

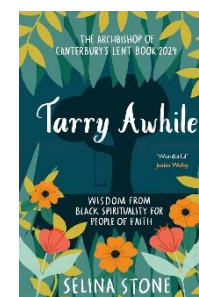
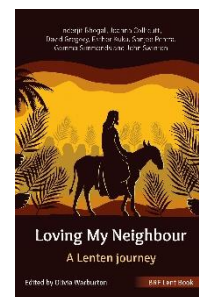
### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday

### Christian Aid Week 12-18<sup>th</sup> May

## BOOKCENTRE

### recommended Lent reading.

9.99



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## A NEW SELECTION OF EASTER CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Zaytoun is a non-profit company established to support marginalised farming communities in Palestine through the production of olive oil and other olive products.

Olive oil £15.50 and dates £5.90 soap are now back in stock



Toilet Rolls 1.05 Paper Towels £2.65  
Tissues 1.58

### Coffee Cafedirect

Fairtrade Mayan Gold Instant £6.35  
Fairtrade Macchu Picchu decaff £5.75  
Fair trade Macchu Picchu Instant 6.35  
Fairtrade Ground 5.75  
Fair trade Tea 4.99

## B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank

We received in 3083k and gave out 2497k feeding 273 clients on 130 vouchers.



Declan from the Arts Council  
Alex Harris Gibbs Hairdressers

### Urgently needed

Tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, rice (500g), tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines), jam/honey, chocolate bars, tinned rice pudding, instant hot chocolate (not cocoa powder), small jars of instant coffee (not decaffeinated), UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned/carton ready-made custard, toothpaste, laundry liquid/powder (not family-sized), sanitary pad

During January the B30 and South Birmingham foodbank feed 1264 clients on 611 Vouchers

