

ACT ON POVERTY the sessions are

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.

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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**



SUNDAY 25th february

Lent 2

10.30am Holy Communion

Mike Claridge and Sue Spencer

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of

Christ's sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Hymns 94, 728,462,611,563

Reading Mark 8 31-38, Matthew 22 34-40

Readers Celia L Janet P

Music John T

Sound Tim S

7.00 Lent Course Roger Collins

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 C Hazel F Alastair

and Clare G, Suzy H, Peter R Helen S

Miriam T and Pam W

Those in long term need

Jenny F, Mary

and David W, Norman and Philomena,

Lauren D, Geoff W, Lyn, FriedL Sue S,

Maurice W

Prayer Cards

Sally and Bernie, Lesley D Rebecca C



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

Notice sheet is prepared by Roger to whom notices should be sent
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Calendar

Monday 26th February

10.30 Strategy Planning

Tuesday 27th February

10.00 Holy Communion Roger Collins
 10.30 Lent Course Roger Collins
 12.00 POD tuition
 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship
 6.00 Datus
 6.15 Brownies Rainbows Guides

Wednesday 28th February

11.00 Extended Exercise
 7.00 Games Club
 7.30 Co op gardeners
 7.30 Worship Zoom

Thursday 29th February

10.30 Cotteridge Crafters

Friday 1st March

8.30 Saplings
 1.00 World Day of Prayer St Nicholas
 6.15 Boys Brigade
 7.00 World Day of Prayer St Nicholas

Sunday 3rd March

LENT 3

10.30 All Age Worship
 Barbara Calvert
 6.30 Holy Communion Mike Claridge
 7.00 Lent Course Mike Claridge

10th March

Mothering Sunday

24th March Holy Week

Palm Sunday

28th March

Maundy Thursday

29th March Good Friday

30th March Easter Saturday

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

Christian Aid Week 12-18th

Future Events

Wednesday 6th March

10.00 Funeral of Hazel Nash Hill Lodge Hill
 Following the funeral there will be a Thanksgiving Service for Hazel's life. This will start at 11.00am on the same day (Wednesday 6th March) at The Cotteridge Church. This will be followed by refreshments at church.

Wednesday 7th March

11.00am Midweek Service

Barbara Calvert

Pastoral Links Meeting

10.30 am on **Saturday 16th March** there will be a Pastoral Links meeting, led by Rev Mike Claridge,

Strategy Group

On Sunday 17th March 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!

25th and 27th Feb - Roger

3rd and 5th Mar - Mike

10th and 12th Mar - Mike

17th and 19th Mar - Roger

Strategy Update

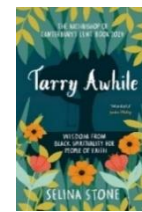
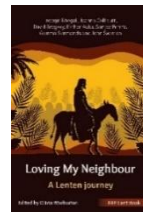
The last few weeks have seen digital and paper copies of the survey be returned. The Strategy Group are now reading and analysing the results. We have been grateful for all the energy and the thoughtful comments the returns contained and look forward to sharing the results with you shortly.

BOOKCENTRE

recommended Lent reading.

9.99

10.99



A new selection of Easter Cards are now available



Zaytoon 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 T

Toilet Rolls 1.05 Paper

Towels £2.65 Tissues

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Coffee Cafedirect

Fairtrade Mayan Gold Instant £6.35

Fairtrade Machu Picchu decaff £5.75

Fair trade Machu Picchu Instant 6.35

Fairtrade Ground 5.75

Fair trade Tea 4.99

The Book centre has transferred £863 to the church accounts.

B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank

We received in 2718k and gave out 1604k feeding 181 clients on 91 vouchers



Andy Kehs



Jayne Oak Farm Road

Urgently needed

Tinned fruit (in juice - not prunes, grapefruit or rhubarb), tinned meat (ham, corned beef, pork sandwich, pulled pork, chicken pasta sauce, rice (500g), tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines), jam/honey, chocolate bars, tinned rice pudding, instant hot chocolate (not cocoa powder), cereal (not greater than 500g), UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned/carton ready-made custard, toothpaste, liquid/bar soap, laundry liquid/powder (not family-sized), sanitary pads

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



Are excellent Roger

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