

Generosity for Children

A brand-new <u>Cheeky Pandas</u> adventure is underway. The pandas will explore the idea of 'Godly Generosity', looking at how children can use their Time, Talents and Treasure to grow the kingdom of God here on earth.

Carla Morgan who's a producer at Cheeky Pandas says:

"The Bible tells us 'The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,' and we want to help parents, carers, teachers, grandparents and church leaders to show children that everything we have is a gift from God, and we can use those gifts to give back to others."

Each of the four sessions contains video teaching, hosted by Cbeebies presenters Joanna Adeyinka Burford and Ashley Joseph. There are also craft ideas, silly games and a new worship song, written and sung by Pete James.

A trailer will be available for the new series in early July, and the whole package will be ready for use in August.

Cheeky Pandas™ provide free cartoons, songs, music videos, and more to help children and families grow in their faith. A British-made series, it's freely available, Bible-based and fun, with stacks of extra resources to serve parents, schools and churches.



Generosity Week News is produced by the Giving directorate at the National Church Institutions. If you'd like to get in touch please email us: giving@churchofengland.org
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Greetings from Northumberland

The online Generosity Week service this year comes from the parish of Morpeth in Northumberland. Rector Simon White says:

"Our church runs Generous June each year and this year, the New Testament lectionary readings have made it easy to start a dialogue about generosity. We've been talking around ideas like generosity of faith and generosity of understanding and moving on from that to the idea of paying it forward. God has given us the gift of life through faith, and so we share that gift with others."

You'll often hear generosity messages in the three churches that make up the parish:

"I was brought up to tithe and so pass that on to others; and all of the leadership team talks regularly about generosity. We adopted PGS just before the pandemic and find Tap As You Give works well with the kind of parish we are. We have six Sunday services across three churches, as well as a high number of funerals, so instant one-off giving is a real help to our ministry."

To find out more about Morpeth and how generosity works out in its churches, watch the online service which will be broadcast live on Sunday 28 September. It'll also be available on catch up.

Everyday Faith: Reflections for Generosity Week

The <u>Everyday Faith app</u> helps people pray and reflect on God's presence in their daily life and away from church. From Monday 29 September, Everyday Faith (in partnership with

Preaching Generosity) will offer six reflections – one for each day of Generosity Week. The reflections will invite users to meditate on gratitude, generosity, and the transformative power of giving with love. Each reflection can be



completed in five minutes and is accompanied by a question and a short prayer.

There's more to come, including social media posts you can use on your church's feeds, but in the meantime, why not download the Everyday Faith app in readiness?

Listen to the Church of England's
Director of Giving, Jonathan de
Bernhardt Wood, in the latest episode
of <u>Stewardship's Active Generosity</u> podcast.
Jonathan shares insights from his own experience of faith, generosity and the joy that comes with giving.

