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Dear Laura,

Who will you welcome this Christmas?

Christmas is a time when we open our doors a little wider. More to squeeze round the table. More in church for the carol service. We go out of our way to offer generous hospitality to friends and strangers. Like the innkeeper in the Christmas story, we extend a wider welcome.

Throughout the year we support churches and community groups to provide a wider welcome by offering hospitality, building community and bringing hope.

This Advent, we're asking if your church or group can donate to CUF, so together we can warmly welcome people in every community. We've got great ways for everyone to raise funds:

- **Take a collection** for CUF in an Advent Sunday service or Christmas carol service;
- **Come together** for a shared lunch or coffee morning;
- **Gather** for a sponsored walk, maybe even praying around your local streets.

We've also created resources to help you introduce CUF to your congregation, including:

- **a short video** featuring churches and groups we're working with;

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- **an all- age activity** to help even the youngest members of your congregation think about the value of community.

Download your free Advent resources

Your church's donation will help people like Colin. Colin was living in a tent and waiting for temporary housing when he found practical help and new hope for the future through our Places of Welcome network at his local church. He said:

"It's welcoming, warm, and friendly, and everyone here is nice. There is always food for everyone. I've made friends.

It's been a Godsend. I'm moving forward, step by step. They've helped me, so now I'm going to volunteer my time to help them."

Through our Advent appeal your church or group can give more people like Colin a place where they are welcomed and valued.

If appropriate, please share this email with your church leader.

Thank you for helping us extend a wider welcome this Advent.

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Give a wider welcome

Free Wills Month

What do you want your lasting legacy to be?

October is free wills month which means members of the public aged 55 and over have the opportunity to have their simple Wills written or updated free of charge by using solicitors in selected locations across the UK.

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work supporting churches and communities can continue, as we never know what the future will bring.

[Find out more](#)

Free webinar: Extending the table: Generosity in our communities



Join us on Wednesday **20 November** for Extending the table: Generosity in our communities, an insightful webinar with Revd Ray Gaston and Nigel Adams author of 'Communities of Hope'.

Explore how we can all make space to show God's love to more people through our churches, with inspiration from experienced practitioners and time for reflection.

[Register for the webinar](#)

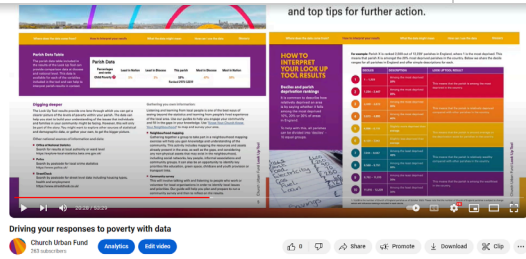
If you knew what we know about poverty in your parish, what changes would you make?

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into the data behind our Look Up Tool, with experts in the field, to resource you for confident action. We covered a huge amount of useful information. If you missed it, there's a recording available at <https://cuf.org.uk/past-events>



The Look Up Tool has been updated with full guidance on what's included, what the data might mean for your area, including case studies, and top tips for further action.

[Shine a new light on your parish with the Look Up Tool](#)

The average man in a Northwest parish dies at 69. In a parish in London he's still playing golf in his 90s.

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