

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

My World Depends on Us

Worship Resources for One World Week

Being a "good neighbour" means actively looking out for our neighbours to ensure their needs are met. It has applications at the personal, local, national and international level. As One World Week we want to focus particularly on how we can be good global neighbours.

Our life depends on how we impact on and influence others in our common experience at home and in the world. We can explore how we interact with our global neighbours through the food we eat and the products we consume, and how aspects of our lifestyles involve waste and pollution which drive climate change.

One World Week is planning some worship resources which focus specifically on “Good Neighbours”.

These are not ready yet - indeed we would welcome suggestions of readings, prayers, meditations and stories of good neighbourliness that we could consider including. In the meantime, we have some suggestions of useful materials:

Good Neighbours in relation to refugees:

We understand that some churches will want to focus at least in part on refugee issues as well as global issues such as trade.

2016's resources for 'Including You' would be useful and easily adapted for use with the Good Neighbours theme. Search on the website for [Including You - Faith Resources for One World Week \(Update\)](#).

Christian Aid produced worship resources about refugees for Christian Aid Week 2017. They contain stories, prayers, activities, readings and sermons some of which could be adapted for use in OWW (especially if you have not used them already!) including a sermon which explores the idea of the “Good Neighbour” (sermon 3).

Find them on the [Christian Aid website](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/resources) (<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/resources>)

Good Neighbours in relation to Trade

Global Justice Now has produced a trade justice faith-pack which contains readings and materials for study groups, a liturgy, prayers and much more which could be readily adapted for the Good Neighbours theme. The pack was conceived in the context of the TTIP negotiations, which are over, but the content is still highly relevant to current secret trade negotiations with the USA and the whole issue of post-Brexit trade arrangements. Can we be good neighbours and forge trade deals to help developing countries thrive rather than exploit the poorest workers?

Search on the website for the [Trade Justice Faith Pack](#)

The Fairtrade Foundation has ideas for churches [here](#) :

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/In-your-community/Faith-Groups/Fairtrade-Churches/Fairtrade-Church-resources>

Christian Aid has a useful (handy if you're writing a sermon) briefing paper "[Who pays the price?](#)" (<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/images/sofa-sessions-trade.pdf>)

Christian Concern for One World have some very appropriate prayers about trade and good neighbours (see: <http://ccow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Fair-Trade-Prayers-from-CCOW.pdf>)

Good Neighbours and peace:

Week of Prayer for World Peace,

Sunday 15th – Sunday 22nd October 2017

The Week of Prayer for World Peace always precedes One World Week, which is the week in which 24th October, UN Day, falls.



Each year, the committee of the Week of Prayer for World Peace produces a leaflet of prayers for peace drawn from the major religious traditions of the world.

To order leaflets, which are ready and being sent out now, [go to the WPWP website here](#)

Good Neighbours in relation to Climate Change

There is lots of worship material on this and we'll review it in due course.

Christian Aid's current campaign to stop our big banks fuelling climate change has specific resources for churches [here](#) (scroll down the page to 'Churches') (<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/the-big-shift-resources>)

A World Service?

Here is an idea to think about to make your OWW service a truly "World Service"! It was tried out by OWW supporters in Ulverston Methodist Church. They linked up with others around the world by having live phone interviews. They used a mobile phone and amplifier (you might be able to use Skype) and asked people in churches in Australia, Estonia and America to lead intercessory prayers.

"It was a most moving experience to be led by someone thousands of miles away ... it really did make us feel part of one world" (Rev.T.Wells).

More to follow

Do let us know

- what your plans are;
- if you have found, or written yourself, useful resources you could share with others
- if you have chosen a particular aspect or case study for which you would like additional resources

We'd love to hear from you.