

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness..."

Isaiah 58:10



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ANGLICARE Sunday
make a difference in your local community

Your Guide to Anglicare Sunday 2017



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Welcome to Anglicare Sunday 2017!

Thank you for partnering with us for *Anglicare Sunday* 2017! With your help, we're able to make an incredible contribution to support families in your local community.

This guide and your resource kit will include everything you or your team needs to run a successful *Anglicare Sunday* at your church!

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Introduction

Anglicare was formed in partnership with the Anglican Church to reach out to communities, assisting those who are most vulnerable. **Anglicare Sunday** is a time for churches to find out more about the work that Anglicare is doing across the region and to be inspired by the stories of hope from people who have been assisted.

At Anglicare, we believe in the biblical mandate to care for those in need. That's why we're so excited to partner with churches like yours to make a difference in your community and beyond.

How to use this pack

Sunday 15 October is our suggested day to run **Anglicare Sunday** in your church.

This date also marks the beginning of **Anti Poverty Week 2017** – a week aimed at encouraging Australians to take part in an activity highlighting the need to address issues of poverty in our community.

While **Anglicare Sunday** can be run at any time through the year, this date provides a great link in with other community activities.

As you read through this pack you will find out how to promote the event to your church in the weeks leading up to the event, how to run the event in your church on the day, and what to do once the event has finished.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get involved?

If you would like to host an *Anglicare Sunday* event at your church, simply click the 'Register Now' button to send an expression of interest to our team.

Our team will provide you with all the resources you need including talking points, video, seat drops, posters and more. Depending on the size and location of your church, we may also be able to send an Anglicare representative to speak at your church's *Anglicare Sunday* event.

Thank you for partnering with us to help people find out about the work of Anglicare and supporting those in need in your local community.

When is *Anglicare Sunday*?

The official date is October 15, but you can hold *Anglicare Sunday* at your church on any date in October or throughout the year.

Can someone from Anglicare speak at my church?

There are more than 110 churches across the three Anglican dioceses in which we work – Canberra and Goulburn, Bathurst and Riverina.

We would love to see each church host *Anglicare Sunday* but we don't have enough Anglicare representatives to speak at all of them.

However, we are very excited to have a number of church volunteers who have become *Anglicare Ambassadors*

As an *Anglicare Ambassador*, you become the Anglicare spokesperson within your church to help encourage your church's congregation to support our goal in stopping the cycle of generational poverty in our local communities.

We provide *Anglicare Ambassadors* with everything they need to host an *Anglicare Sunday* including talking points, videos, flyers for seat drops and information about how to get involved. There is also opportunity for you to get involved throughout the year!

What resources are supplied to churches hosting *Anglicare Sunday*?

- › Speaker notes/ talking points
- › Anglicare Sunday presentation slides (if a screen is used at your church)
- › Anglicare brochures
- › Seat drop flyers
- › USB with materials
- › Prayer Diaries
- › T-Shirt for volunteers
- › Social media graphics
- › Videos
- › Liturgical resources
- › Prayer and hymn suggestions
- › Sunday School activities

My church is very small, can we still host *Anglicare Sunday*?

Absolutely!

As Anglicare's mission states, we are called by Jesus' example to respond to human need by offering loving service and seeking to address the injustices in our society. No matter how big or small your church is, you can partner with us on this mission to change our local communities in Jesus' name.

Where can I get more information?

To find out more, contact **Revd Dr Ian Coutts**, Anglicare General Manager Mission & Community Engagement.

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Helpful Hint

Check the Anglicare Sunday website regularly. Our team will be updating material and uploading new resources in the lead up to October 15.

Your Resource Kit

Hard copies of all *Anglicare Sunday* resources have been included in your Resource Kit. You can also access these resources in digital format on the Anglicare website - www.anglicare.com.au

Liturgical resources including suggested hymns, prayers and readings have also been made available on the *Anglicare Sunday* website.



Anglicare Sunday posters



2017 Anti Poverty Week Prayer Diary



2017 Anglicare Monthly Prayer Diary



DL Flyers



Presentation Slides



Social Media Graphics

Helpful Hint

Don't forget to follow Anglicare on social media and tag us in your posts about Anglicare Sunday!

Preparing for Anglicare Sunday

1) Finalise the date with your Minister

2) Designate someone from your church to be the *Anglicare Ambassador*

Even if your church is expecting to host a guest speaker from Anglicare, the *Anglicare Ambassador* role is just as important. You will be supporting the Anglicare guest speaker in their presentation, making sure the service runs as planned and championing the cause of Anglicare in your local community.

3) Hand out flyers and posters

Hand out *Anglicare Sunday* flyers to parishioners and put *Anglicare Sunday* posters around your church.

4) Social media

Does your church have Facebook or Instagram? Use our graphics to promote your upcoming *Anglicare Sunday* event!



5) Sneak peaks

Show the sample videos we've provided in the weeks leading up to the event.

You can find the sample videos on the *Anglicare Sunday* webpage.

6) Send out reminders

Does your church have a pew sheet or a weekly email? Include a reminder about *Anglicare Sunday* and highlight the fact that it is also Anti Poverty Week.

7) Power of prayer

Encourage parishioners to start using the Anglicare prayer diaries in the lead up to the event and pray that *Anglicare Sunday* will be impactful in your church and your wider community.

8) Check out our other resources

We've also collated a range of other material that may help you promote *Anglicare Sunday*. Our suggestions include playing the Youtube clip of Matthew West's song 'Do Something'.

We believe that it will stir your hearts and get you excited about the opportunity to learn more about how you can partner with Anglicare and help your community.

Running Anglicare Sunday

Here's a quick checklist of things to remember on the day:

- Make sure your Anglicare Ambassador is wearing their Anglicare T-Shirt.
- Set up an Anglicare information table.
- Test the powerpoint slides and the videos before the service begins.
- For churches without AV capabilities, you may wish to print out paper copies of the
- Powerpoint presentation for people to use to follow along.
- Distribute feedback forms and pens to the congregation. You can leave them on the seats prior to the service or hand them out as the service begins.
- Collect all forms as the service concludes and invite people to come to the information table after the service to find out more.

Suggested Order of Service

See the provided Liturgical Resources and work with your minister to select what is appropriate for your church service.

Once you have selected the prayers, readings and hymns, we encourage you to make time in the service for the following items:

- 1) Thank the church for allowing you to speak and host *Anglicare Sunday*.
- 2) Introduction of speaker or *Anglicare Ambassador* and why you are sharing about Anglicare.
- 3) Following the presentation slides, share the work of Anglicare and Anti-Poverty Week, play videos and encourage people to take action - donate, pray, volunteer etc.
- 4) Invite everyone to complete the response form on their seats (to be collected as the service concludes).

Follow Up

In the interest of protecting any confidential information, the Anglicare representative will need to mail any forms back to Anglicare as soon as possible. Use the AustPost satchel provided to send back to:

Attn: Justine Slockee
Anglicare
3/80 Beuarepaire Crescent
Holt ACT 2615

Count the responses from your church so you can update your church on how they have done. Anglicare will also send out results so you can encourage your church on how their contribution has added to the overall results on the day.

Notes for Sermon on Anglicare Sunday

If you are following the Lectionary Readings for October 15th both the Old Testament and Gospel Readings are a challenge!

The Exodus 32 passage provides a stark contrast between Moses communing directly with God on Mount Sinai and what was happening in the valley below, with Aaron, Moses' brother. Aaron was specifically appointed by God to be Moses' official spokesperson to the people, in order to help Moses pass on God's messages to them. Instead, in Moses' prolonged absence, Aaron responds to the Israelite refugees' pleas for replacement leadership and for alternative objects of worship. Aaron accordingly facilitates replacing their worship and gratitude to God, who had rescued them from slavery in Egypt, with worshipping an effigy of a calf made out of whatever gold jewellery they had escaped with. Not surprisingly, God is far from impressed with this extraordinary turn of events and by their lack of gratitude, faithfulness and proper recognition. For his part, Moses intercedes with God on the Israelites behalf by reminding God of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) that they would be a great people with a remarkable inheritance of a country of their own.

Matthew 22 recounts Jesus' parable of the wedding feast, which extends the Exodus passage by referring not to an earthly kingdom but to a heavenly one. Again, the people who are first on God's invitee list and the ones who should respond to the invitation are conspicuous by their absence. The New International Version in verse 5 has it that 'they paid no attention'. Instead they were occupied with the everyday – their business and their busyness. (This Matthean passage has similarities with Luke 14.16-24. Some commentators also think that verses 6 and 7 have been added in by a later copyist in line with Matthew 21.35-36 because it does not appear to quite fit with the flow of the parable). Matthew is keen to show that if the Jews will not take up God's invitation then the Gentiles will be invited and included. Even so, there are still some qualifications and not everyone who rocks up is fit to be there. We tend naturally to look at this parable from the perspective of those who are excluded, particularly the last person in the story but it is also important to consider this from God's perspective. God graciously rescues us through God's Son Jesus Christ and invites us to join with the Triune God in a mission of love for the world that God created.

Both passages suggest that we can choose to be faithful and grateful and respond to God's extraordinary provision, or we can transfer our worship and gratitude to other created things that may appear precious but by comparison are worthless. Or, as a further alternative in the Matthew parable, we can be diverted by everyday responsibilities, interests and business from God's proper call on our priorities and from God's mission in the world.

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