



FOR I WAS HUNGRY

Matthew 25:35-37



SPEAKING NOTES

Your speaking notes for Anglicare Sunday 2023 are designed as a guide to assist you in your presentation. Each subheading below matches to a new slide in the PowerPoint presentation. You will also find these speaking notes included in the notes section of the PowerPoint slides.

Above all, we want you to feel as comfortable as possible about your presentation. Using anecdotes from your own experience, and using your own words are powerful ways to engage a congregation.

Thank you for being part of Anglicare Sunday!

WELCOME/INTRO

- My name is _____ and I'm [how you are connected to Anglicare].
- I'm really passionate about the work of Anglicare because ... [i.e. I love the ways in which Anglicare reaches out to people in need in our community.]
- Anglicare Sunday is the day we celebrate the partnership between the parish and Anglicare in alleviating poverty in our community. This year's theme is 'FOR I WAS HUNGRY' based on Matthew 25:35-37.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Aboriginal Nations of this land; its Custodians who continue to care for Country, and the way in which Country has cared for people. We acknowledge the history of this land and the stories of resilience and survival which make up Indigenous Australia.

We give thanks for Aboriginal Elders and knowledge keepers of each generation including the many Aboriginal communities which contribute to the life of our region. May we walk gently on this land and commit ourselves to Reconciliation.

THANK YOU

- We know the individuals and churches across the community contribute so much in prayers, volunteering and finances to support people through the work of Anglicare.
- Our volunteers' commitment to community and community members is incredible. If you volunteer for Anglicare I personally want to say thank you.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE ANGLICARE CEO

- Anglicare CEO, Brandon Howard was appointed in February this year. In this video you'll hear from him about our partnership with local churches.
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ABOUT ANGLICARE

- Anglicare is one of the caring arms of the Anglican church. Its aim is to help the most disadvantaged children and families to hope, heal and thrive so they can lead lives free from poverty.
- This is no small task and certainly one that calls for the support of individuals, parishes and the community.
- Anglicare is fortunate to receive government funding for particular programs, however this funding is not enough to cover the full scope of our services.

WHERE WE WORK

- For those who aren't familiar with Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT, we work in more than 50 locations across Southern NSW, Western NSW and the ACT.

AT A GLANCE

- This slide shows some key stats from the past financial year and how your partnership is helping us change lives in our local community.

ABOUT ANTI POVERTY WEEK

- Anglicare Sunday aligns with Anti Poverty Week
- Anti-Poverty Week is a week where all Australian are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship.
- The 2023 theme of Anti-Poverty Week is 'End Child Poverty' – by calling on parliamentarians to legislate to end child poverty in Australia.

POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA

- 3.32million Australians live in poverty – 761,000 of those are children.
- 1 million people in NSW live in poverty – more than any other state or territory
- 38,300 people in the ACT live in poverty. 9,000 of them are children.

ANGLICARE'S MANDATE

- As part of the church we know we have a biblical mandate to care for those in need.
- This is part of the reason I am so delighted that we have a day like Anglicare Sunday to truly focus on this issue.
- Often we think of poverty as being an issue affecting other communities and other countries.



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- It's quite a shock to be confronted with the tragic reality of the real poverty right here in our communities.

THE WORK OF ANGLICARE - HELPING PEOPLE IN CRISIS

- Anglicare provides key services to support those in urgent need. They include –
- Emergency relief – providing food and other daily essentials from 17 locations across ACT and NSW. Many of these locations are operated in partnership with local parishes.
- Crisis housing and homelessness services. We have a number of homelessness support services supporting those who don't have a safe place to call home. In some areas we offer emergency and crisis accommodation for people who are escaping domestic violence or are experiencing homelessness.
- No Interest Loans Scheme – NILS are no interest loans to support people on low incomes to purchase essential household items or to cover essential bills and services like medical expenses.

THE WORK OF ANGLICARE - BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

- Anglicare also provides services that support people in the long term to help them reach better life outcomes.
- These includes services like our parenting programs, supported playgroup, financial counselling, case management, medical services for young people and our disaster recovery services. We support communities impacted by bushfires and flood to ensure they receive the assistance they need to heal and recover.

ANGLICARE IN ACTION - THE JUNCTION

- The Junction Youth Health Service in Canberra provides medical services to young people 12-25 years. While the Junction is a welcoming place for all young people, it has a particular focus on supporting young people experiencing homelessness or disadvantage.
- Anglicare's team of youth workers provide case management, emergency relief and so much more to ensure all young people who visit the service feel supported and can have their basic needs met – this includes access to showers, new clothes, a laundry to wash their clothes, emergency food relief, housing assistance and a place of community.
- The need for emergency food relief has increased by 76% compared to the same time last year showing the growing need in response to the cost of living.
- Recently, Olivia met with a young person visiting the Junction for the first time. She shared "He had just had the worst day" "He couldn't go home and he had nowhere else to go. He came in so he could charge his phone so he could contact some friends. He had a shower and was able to get some new clothes. We gave him something to eat and made referrals to try and get him a place to stay. It didn't feel like much, but afterwards he cried in our waiting room and said 'It's just the little things that make a big difference'. He was that grateful."



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ANGLICARE IN ACTION - MORUYA ER HUB

- Anglicare's Moruya ER Hub opened as a response to the Black Summer bushfires in 2020 to reach those critically impacted. However, the cost of living and worsening housing crisis, have meant the need has continued.
- Kelly and her daughter (pictured) are among 50 families living at the North Head Campground near Moruya. There is no electricity and no running water as the site is not design for permanent living.
- The Anglicare Team from Moruya ER Hub visit the campground weekly, bringing essential food, personal items, clothing and towels to those who desperately need them.
- Kelly says "Without Anglicare we would be going through rubbish bins for food, or begging. If we were still here at all. That's the truth. They've let me keep my pride."
- Extremely grateful to the Anglicare team in Moruya, Kelly hopes to one day be able to join them as a volunteer and start helping others like herself. Her daughter hopes to return and finish high school, and go on to do a certificate in business studies.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to be involved further with the work of Anglicare I would really encourage you to consider it. Please come and talk to me at the end of the service.

- Pray – subscribe to Prayer Mate and use our prayer diary or be updated with Anglicare news and our current prayer needs.
- Volunteer – Retail or fill other roles
- Donate – become a regular giver or donate to an Anglicare appeal
- Leave a Gift in Your Will
- Get Involved – Pantry Appeal, Christmas Appeal

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

We want to help you stay connected with the work of Anglicare so we can update and encourage you. There are many ways to stay connected. These include:

- eNewsletters – Community Connections Church Connections
- Social Media – follow us on Facebook
- Join our THRIVE quarterly newsletter mailing list

Visit the Anglicare website to find out more (www.anglicare.com.au)

THANK YOU

Thank you again for you time today. I hope that you have been informed and inspired.