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# **SFM VISION SESSION PLANNING**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2021**



# LISTENING TO YOU

1) Is your church involved in social action / social justice / poverty alleviation work in your church?

**Yes | No**

2) Is being involved in social action / social justice / poverty alleviation work integral to being a disciple of Jesus?

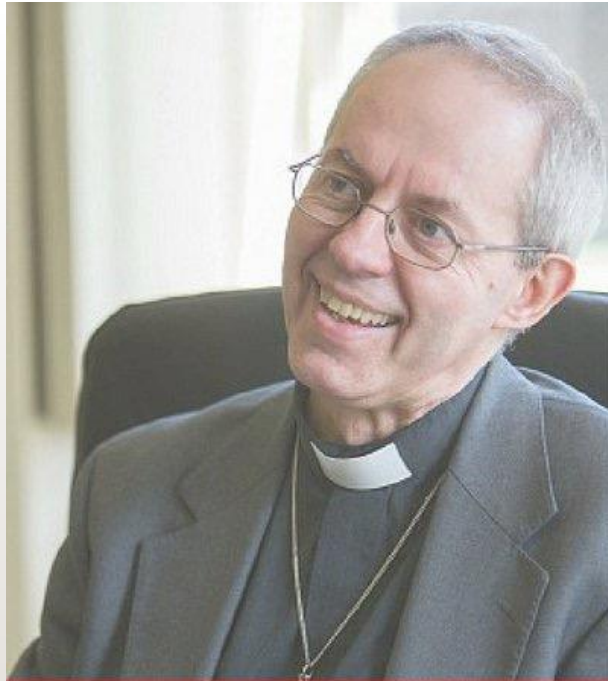
**Yes | No | Not sure**



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# VISION OF TCT

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# OUR VISION

Supporting people and  
communities  
to **thrive and  
flourish**



**The thief comes only to  
steal and kill and destroy.  
I came that they may  
have life, and have it  
abundantly.**

*John 10:10 (NRSV)*

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- **Listening**
- **Celebrating**
- **Partnering**
- **Empowering**

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# OUR VALUES

Supporting people and  
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#people of hope



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"As we follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad, we pray that the two million people in our diocese encounter a church that is confident in the gospel, knows and loves its communities, and is excited to find God already at work in the world.

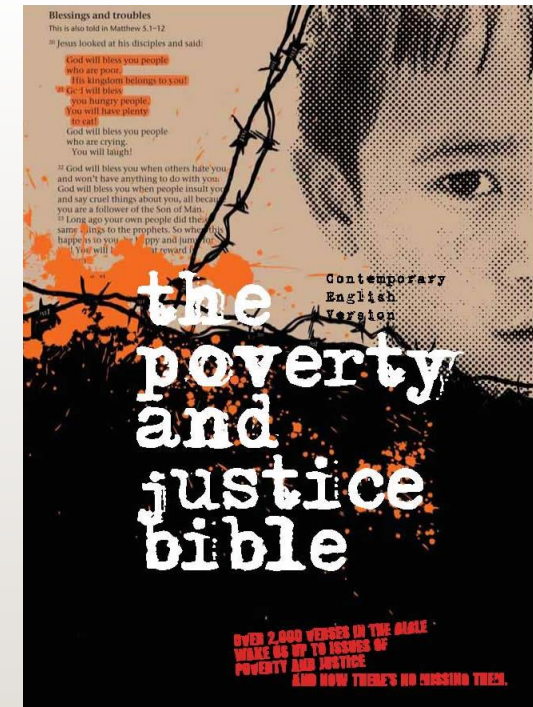
We pray for a church that reflects the richness and variety of those communities. We pray for a church that **partners with others** in seeking the common good, working for justice as a **people of hope.**"

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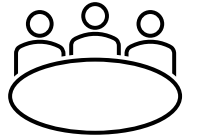


# CHURCH SOCIAL ACTION

- **Almost every page of the Bible speaks of God's heart for the poor.**
- **His concern for the marginalised.**
- **His compassion for the oppressed.**
- **His call for justice.**



# CHURCH SOCIAL ACTION



**What Bible passages speak to you?**

**What does it look like in action?**

**What's the theology behind it?**

# CHURCH SOCIAL ACTION: 3 DISTINCTIVES

Love

Current lectionary series on I John

Servant hearted service

Give hope and empower

# CHURCH SOCIAL ACTION:

## 3 DISTINCTIVES

Servant  
hearted  
service

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,<sup>[g]</sup> you did it to me.'

*Matthew 25: 40 (NRSV)*



### **The Judgment of the Nations**

*Matthew 25: 31-46 (NRSV)*

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CHURCH SOCIAL  
ACTION:  
3 DISTINCTIVES

Servant  
hearted  
service

“  
STOP: Stop believing we know the answers to other people's needs. LOOK: Find out what others are doing to challenge injustice and join in. LISTEN: Connect to people and listen to the voices and wisdom of our communities. LEARN: Be willing to be taught by others, recognising the gifts within a community.”

Eunice Attwood  
*Church at the Margins Officer*

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ACTION:  
3 DISTINCTIVES

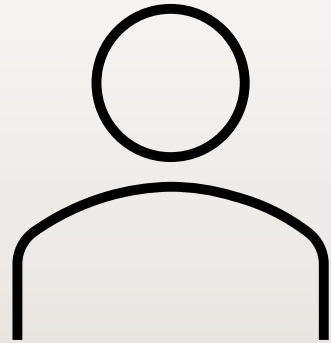
Give hope  
and empower

#people of hope

May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*Romans 15:13 (NRSV)*

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# CHURCH VS INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL ACTION



# SETTING YOUR VISION

## **Hab 2:2 NRSV**

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.



PROBLEM



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## SOME OF OUR WORK TO DATE

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**Supporting you to tackle barriers  
that prevent thriving and flourishing**

# EMPOWERING: EVENTS AND TRAINING



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Supporting people and communities to thrive and flourish





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## WEST MIDLANDS TEAM AIM TO COMBAT MODERN SLAVERY

We are delighted to hear that the **Clewer Initiative** teamed up with The Big Issue Foundation at their West Midlands branch to deliver training on modern slavery.



It is estimated that around **40.3 million men, women and children are trapped in modern slavery**, with at least 13,000 of those victims based in the UK. Those who are vulnerably housed and homeless are some of the most at risk from exploitation. Their keen desire to find work can often mean they are taken advantage of by traffickers seeking to make a profit from their labour.

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# PRAYER

Prayer for Trust In  
Jesus

St. Ignatius Of Loyola

○ Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength.

Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.

**Amen.**



HOW CAN  
WE ASSIST  
YOU?

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## CHURCH SOCIAL ACTION:

Let's chat more

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# CHURCH SOCIAL ACTION:

## Further Reading



- [Britain must reset its compass, from housing to wages, says archbishop of York | Anglicanism | The Guardian](#)
- [A Theological Reflection On Asset-Based Community Development — Living Theology Forum](#)
- [\(Some\) Theology To Save The World - Together For The Common Good](#)
- [THEOS Report - Growing Good; Growth, Social Action and Discipleship in the Church of England](#)