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Dear Friend,

We wish you a time of rest and growth this Lent. May this [prayer by Christine Sine of Mustard Seed Associates](#) help you to reflect:

We have chosen to fast, not with ashes but with actions  
 Not with sackcloth but in sharing, not in thoughts but in deeds. We will give up our abundance, to share our food with the hungry. We will give up our comfort, to provide homes for the destitute.

We will give up our fashions, to see the naked clothed.  
 We will share where others hoard, we will free where others oppress;  
 We will heal where others harm.

Then God's light will break out on us, God's healing will quickly appear;  
 God will guide us always, God's righteousness will go before us.  
 We will find our joy in the Lord, we will be like a well watered garden;  
 We will be called repairers of broken walls. Together we will feast at God's banquet table.

God bless,  
 Jill Clark  
 Community Mission

PS – Tom and Christine Sine are facilitating Livability's annual residential event this year – [find out more](#).


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## FUNDING




Churches and community projects working with 18-21 year-olds can now encourage them to apply for a ['Do It' Sport Relief Award](#) of up to £10,000 as the next deadline for applications is 12 April. Aimed at **individuals with an innovative idea of how to use sport or recreational activities to solve a social problem**, projects must also have the ability to become sustainable. It is best to [speak with the 'Do It' team](#) before applying. For more information, read the [UnLtd Sport Relief Awards blog](#) or, to apply, complete the [application form](#).

 [The Santander Foundation](#) funds **registered charities that benefit disadvantaged people through education, training or financial capability**. One-off grants of £10,000 are available in areas where there is a branch of Santander or Alliance and Leicester. For eight 'significant presence' areas in the UK, there are grants of up to £30,000 available. There are no deadlines and the application involves a letter explaining the need and a Santander one-page cover sheet. Successful applications will be notified in six weeks. Find out more about [how to apply](#) or download the [application cover sheet](#).


 The Ashendene Trust Grant provides funding to charities operating in Berkshire, Oxfordshire and London with a focus on **community projects that reach the homeless, young people, ex-offenders and those dealing with drug and alcohol addiction**. There are no application deadlines or maximum funding amounts although the average grant is about £2,000. The trust does not have a website but for more information, phone 01235 770 0222. To apply, send a letter outlining the project and funding need to Ashendene Trust, The Ham, Ickleton Road, Wantage, OX12 9JA.


 The Owen Family Trust grant offers between £500 and £10,000 to **Christian youth centres and community projects undertaking a variety of charitable activities**. Funding is available nationally although there is a special focus on the Midlands, Gwynedd and Wrexham. There are no application deadlines or maximum funding amounts. The trust does not have a website but [their accounts](#) last year could be helpful to read. For more information, phone 0121 526 3131 or to apply, send a project budget, annual report and account along with a cover letter to Owen Family Trust, Mill Dam House, Mill Lane, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 0NB.


 [Tearfund's](#) IMPACT UK team are again inviting applications for their Accompaniment Programme involving grants of up to £10,000 per year for three years, capacity development and access to resources and Tearfund events. **Priority will be given to local evangelical church projects and Christian organisations using community development principles in areas of deprivation**. In order to register interest, guidelines can be obtained by email from [Lucy Young](#). The stage one application must be sent in by 1 April.

## TRAINING AND EVENTS





 [Livability](#) is hosting ***Measuring real success in your community project: statistics, anecdotes and transformation*** on 14 April in response to the current climate of lengthy monitoring forms and fear of failure that surrounds community projects. It is being held at [St George's Centre, Leeds](#) and is £20 per person to be paid on the day including lunch. The day is focused on what it means to be effective and how to communicate this to others. To book, contact [Ruth Smith](#) or phone 0113 350 8070.


 [St Barnabas Church, Finchley](#), London and [New Wine](#) are jointly hosting ***Transform: Community and Outreach Conference*** on 24 April at [St Barnabas Church, Finchley](#). Aimed at those in community and outreach ministries, the day will include worship as well as teaching by Paul Cowley, Prison Ministry from HTB, Ayo Adedoyin from Jesus House and John Coles from New Wine. It will give you tips for your ministry and fresh vision. It is £10 per person and delegates are asked to bring their own lunch. To book, complete the [booking form](#). For more information, contact [Helen Shannon](#) or phone 020 8343 5789.

 [Church Urban Fund's](#) annual conference, ***Practical Impact***, is being held on 27 April at [Carrs Lane Church Centre](#), Birmingham. Aimed at any church or community project tackling poverty in their community, there are teaching sessions by Eugenie Harvey (author of Change the world for a fiver) and Joel Edwards (Micah Challenge). Workshops include a variety of topics including Christian distinctiveness, creatively using church buildings and managing staff

and volunteers. It is £10 per person and there are travel bursaries available. Read the [conference programme](#) or [book online](#).


 In response to pressure on community projects to hide or decrease focus on their Christian identity, [Livability](#) is hosting ***We don't do God: Keeping faith in your community project*** on 12 May at [Salvation Army International HQ](#) in London. The day includes practical ideas on how to use down-to-earth theology in community projects as well as connecting with the original motivation for the work. It is £30 per person to be paid on the day, including lunch. To book, contact [Jill Clark](#) or phone 020 7452 2018.


 [Faith and Freedom](#) is an organisation that helps the church break the chains of domestic abuse. It is hosting ***Bringing Hope: Engaging Christians in ending domestic abuse*** on 26 June at Charter Hall in Colchester. With one in four UK women experiencing domestic abuse, the day will help Christians respond. Speakers include Dr Elaine Storkey and Peter Grant (Tearfund), Dr Catherine Kroeger (Professor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary). It is £30 per person or there is an early booking discounted price of £20 if booked by 22 May. Read more about [domestic abuse](#) or, to book, complete the [booking form](#).


 [Livability](#) is hosting their annual residential ***A Conspiracy of Hope: Creating the future one mustard seed at a time*** on 27-29 October. Facilitators [Tom and Christine Sine](#) will share thoughts on the future of the church's mission within communities in our rapidly changing world. Tom is the author of *Mustard seed vs McWorld* and *The New Conspirators*. The event focuses on learning from each other and gives opportunity for reflection away from busy ministry. Held in Leicestershire at [Hothorpe Hall](#), it is £215 for a single room and £160 for a shared room with a £20 discount for bookings taken before 30 June. For more information or to book, contact [Jill Clark](#) or phone 020 7452 2018.

## STORIES AND RESOURCES




 Following a groundbreaking international report into health inequalities, **a report was commissioned to identify the major factors in England that contribute to inequality in health and how this impacts poverty rates.** *Fair society, healthy lives* was published this month and its conclusions are that, on average, those in poorer communities live seven years less than those in richer communities. The report recommends addressing this through changes in government as well as social programmes and controversially states that only targeting poor communities will not decrease the inequality. The findings could easily be used in funding applications and sermons.


 ***ReSource: Creating church in the emerging culture*** is an ongoing training and equipping opportunity for anyone interested in mission in modern culture. It is led by a mix of people from a variety of church backgrounds including Church Mission Society, Salvation Army, Anglican Church Planting Initiatives and free churches and includes **teaching on leadership, missiology, discipleship and building in regular reflection**. The upcoming weekends are 12-14 March in Leeds and 7-9 May in Southampton. Read more about the [ethos](#), [who it is for](#) or [book online](#).

 For churches and Christian community projects which find that a discussion about salvation either leads to division or does not include a full understanding of what it means, Jon Kuhrt at [Livability](#) has written ***What does salvation mean for your local community? In four pages, it explains the four primary elements of salvation: wholeness, liberation, forgiveness and affirmation*** and how these can be seen at work in our communities. This could be used for discussion in a home group, sermon or community project team meeting.

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 For churches and Christian community projects looking for study material, [Livability](#) has produced a [six-week Bible study on the book of Amos](#). **Geared towards home groups looking for an hour of content, it is focused on taking the challenge of repentance and lament and applying it to our context.** There is a take-away 'challenge' for people to do between each session and the aim is to help people see the relevance to today of Amos' radical message to the religious people of his day. For information on Livability's other courses, visit their [Community Mission website](#).

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 **Churches and Christian community projects with a goal to improve the health of those in their community** could join in on [World Health Day](#) on Sunday 11 April. The vision is to close a main street to cars so people can run and cycle, thus cleaning the air and promoting exercise and health awareness. Why not hold a community meal, and arrange other fun activities for your street? Jointly hosting this event with the council, nearby charities and local churches can be another way to show unity in action. Watch the [promotional video](#), read more about [possible activities to host](#) and [register your activity](#) on the website. If April is too soon, [The Big Lunch](#) on Sunday 18 July is a similar idea and encourages communities to host Sunday lunch in the streets.

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