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Reflection of the Month: How good is your money?



Bishop Michael Doe, reflects on [Good Money Week](#):

Churches and people of faith have been at the forefront of the movement for more ethical investment, and through organisations like ECCR helped to establish National Ethical Investment Week. That's now been rebranded as Good Money Week, and takes place this year from October 30th to November 5th.

Good Money Week is the campaign to raise awareness of sustainable, responsible and ethical finance to help people make good money choices. It aims to ensure that everyone knows they have sustainable and ethical options when it comes to their financial decisions. There's more details at <http://goodmoneyweek.com/>

Most Christians accept that what we do with our money, personally, is part of our discipleship. How can I spend it responsibly? What's the right proportion to give to the Church, and to other good causes? How much should I save?

But we are far less secure when we step into the more public sphere. If I have money to invest, how can I be sure that it's not supporting activities which contradict what I say I believe? Where is my Church investing the money which I contribute week by week? If as a Christian I believe in tackling poverty, and safeguarding the planet, how could my money make a real contribution to that? But if most of my savings are caught up in my Pension Fund, however can I control what that money is doing?

And when it comes to the financial institutions and systems themselves, we can feel even more bewildered and powerless. Why is there such a large gap between what people are paid at the top and at the bottom? How can an economy based on debt fit with what the Bible says about Jubilee and Usury? How did Money change from being a means of exchange into a commodity in itself? Why should some international companies escape the taxation which the rest have to pay?

Good Money Week is an opportunity for all of us to look at these questions. At a personal level, through prayer and serious attention to our own situation, we need to look at our lifestyle, how we use what we have been given, and – if we have been blessed with money to spare – to ask whether we are investing in a way which is more likely to lead to the kind of just and sustainable world which God created us to be.



But the larger questions will not go away. The greatest sin for the Old Testament prophets was Idolatry, that which takes the place of God and directs the people away from the justice which God requires and into their own self-indulgence. Today that is not just about Western life-styles, and the inequality which this produces both here and globally, but also about Money itself: has it become our new god? Similarly, St Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, warns us about the "principalities and powers" which govern this present age. As we review the causes, and the continued aftermath, of the 2007/8 economic crisis, there are many signs of forces at work – greed, unsustainable growth, unregulated licence – which both created the collapse and then dropped the consequences on those who were least responsible and are now least able to bear them, as in the "Austerity Agenda".

ECCR and the Society of Friends have set up a website which deals with many of these issues: <http://www.yourfaithyourfinance.org/> . ECCR is also pioneering a project – Ethical Money Churches – which helps local churches to begin addressing what this means for them, and what they might do about it.

A pilot programme in the South West is being added to this month in the West Midlands: <http://www.eccr.org.uk/>

Bishop Michael Doe, Trustee and former Chair of the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (ECCR) which is a Body in Association with Churches Together in England.

The Presidents of Churches Together in England unite with 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Press Release and Video

For immediate release and general circulation:

In May 2016 many of the churches in England took up the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to set aside the days leading up to Pentecost Sunday to pray for the renewing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to 'make Christ real in our midst, for the flourishing of all'. In Sept 2016, the Presidents of Churches Together in England said, 'we are delighted to join together to extend this invitation to all the churches in England to participate in this movement of prayer in 2017'.

In a joint statement, the Presidents went on to say, 'We want to encourage our brothers and sisters in churches of all traditions to partner in praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' in the days leading up to Pentecost, from 25 May - 4 June, 2017. There is no prescription about how we should pray; we hope each church will participate in a way that is authentic to them and where possible to engage in this with their partner churches in their area.



The aim of 'Thy Kingdom Come 2017' is simple and threefold:

- To join with the whole family of God the Father**
- To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit**
- That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son Jesus Christ**

The statement concludes: 'As Presidents, we will be writing to our churches and congregations to encourage them to share this aim and to take part in this movement. We pray to the Father that his family, called to be one in Jesus Christ, may see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform many lives and communities in our land'.



[The 6 Presidents](http://www.cte.org.uk/TKC) of Churches Together in England. To use the photograph please acknowledge: www.cte.org.uk/TKC

[Statement: 'Thy Kingdom Come - Praying Together at Pentecost 2017' PDF version](#) (to cascade keeping the format)

[Statement: 'Thy Kingdom Come - Praying Together at Pentecost 2017' Word version](#) (to cut and paste for other media - including text, photographs and video stills with permission to use).

Accompanying video: <https://vimeo.com/183026876>

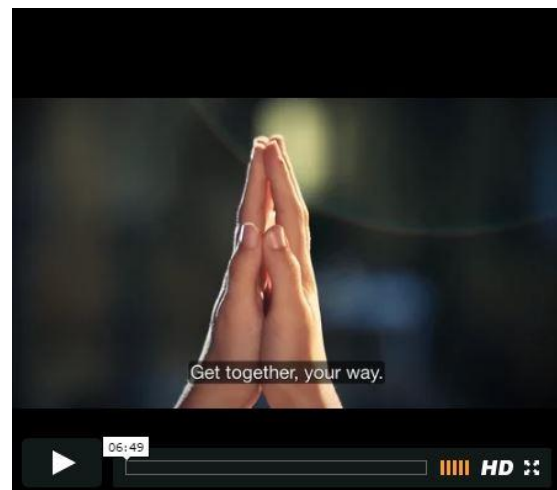
To accompany the statement, the 6 Presidents were filmed at Lambeth Palace. Resources for prayer and evangelism will be posted on the dedicated website: www.thykingdom.co.uk
Global website: www.thykingdomcome.global

Recorded 09.09.16 at Lambeth Palace, by Frogspawn Creative TV. Video direct link: <https://vimeo.com/183026876>
The video is also on the CTE website as a News item: [link here](#)

Information re CTE Presidents www.cte.org.uk/presidents

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A short web address to find this page is: www.cte.org.uk/ThyKingdomCome



Please cascade information re Presidents' Statement and Video to all churches

National Pentecostal Symposium & Celebration Saturday 26 November 2016

This event will profile Pentecostalism in England - Classical, Neo-Pentecostal, Charismatics, Black, White, Asian, African, Caribbean, British - as a dynamic multi-ethnic, multi-denominational ecclesial stream; part of the whole church in its spiritual, social, economic and political missional life in this country. It will feature Pentecostals while welcoming other Christians, people of other and no faith.

Venue: [Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, London W11 3BY](#)

Time: 9.30am till 8.30pm

Cost: £9.99 includes entry and a complimentary Souvenir Brochure.

[Click to Register](#)

[Download the flyer here](#)



Our Guests

- Dr Daniel Akhazemea, Christ the Redeemer College RCCG
- Emily Bollon, Motivation by Music
- Bishop Eric Brown, CTE Pentecostal President
- Dr Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham
- Dr Anne Dyer, Mattersey Hall
- Pastor Penny Francis, Ruach City Church
- Rev Canon Billy Kennedy, Pioneer
- Dr David Muir, University of Roehampton
- Noel Robinson, Integrity Music

Schedule

9.30am - 10.00am

Arrival & Registration

10.30am - 5.30pm

The History of Pentecostalism

Pentecostal Diversity

Pentecostalism and Ecumenism

Pentecostalism and Social, Economic and Political

Engagement

6.00pm - 8.30pm Celebration featuring sermons, presentations, music and singing

Want to attend?

[Register here now!](#)



Review of 2015

An extract from CTE's report of 2015 to the Charity Commission. The full text is on CTE's website.

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Fourth International Receptive Ecumenism conference

Churches Together in England has been a partner in previous conferences exploring 'Receptive Ecumenism'. [Resources about 'Receptive Ecumenism' are here.](#)

The Fourth International Receptive Ecumenism Conference [RE IV] will be held at the Australian National University in Canberra from 6-9 November 2017.

The conference is being hosted by The Centre for Ecumenical Studies, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture; The Australian Catholic University – Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry (Melbourne) and Signadou Campus (Canberra); and The Research Centre for Public and Contextual Theology (Charles Sturt University).

Keynote speakers are Prof. Paul D. Murray, Dean and Director of the Centre for Catholic Studies, Durham UK, and Prof Michael Welker, Managing Director of the Research Center for International and Interdisciplinary Theology, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

For further information please contact Rev Dr Ray Williamson – raywilliamson@csu.edu.au

Please do share details of this conference via your networks.

On behalf of Prof Paul D. Murray
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Uncovering Faith Through Photography



Faith Through a Lens, the annual photography competition which aims to profile the positive effects of faith within a diverse range of communities is open for entries. The competition invites amateur photographers from across the UK to capture what faith means to them.

Ten shortlisted finalists will be invited to an exclusive awards ceremony held in London on Wednesday 16 November 2016 to meet lead judge Don McCullin who will critique each of the shortlisted images. This is followed by the announcement of the overall winner and two highly commended entries. The winning photographer receives a personal prize valued at £1,000 which includes a Nikon D5500 D- SLR camera and accessories worth up to £650. Along with this fantastic personal prize, the winning photographers' nominated UK charity, church or community group will receive £1,000 worth of audio visual or photography equipment. The two highly commended photographers are rewarded a personal prize valued at £850. Each finalist receives an exciting prize bag worth over £200 including a Huggler hard cover photobook, Serif photography software and Don McCullin's latest autobiography.

The judging panel comprises internationally renowned photojournalist Don McCullin who has been lead judge since the competition began in 2010. Don is joined by Aaqil Ahmed, Head of Religion and Ethics at the BBC, Revd. Dr David Cornick, General Secretary of Churches Together in England, BAFTA member Paresh Solanki, photojournalist Hazel Thompson and Stuart Young from Congregational Insurance.

Faith Through a Lens is open to amateur photographers over the age of 16 until 3 October 2016. There are no restrictions on the type of camera that can be used. Images from mobiles, smart phones and tablets are welcomed. If you are looking for some inspiration, a gallery of this year's submissions and last year's winning images are available to view on the website.

Ecumenical Studies Society Study Day: "Exploring Current Paths to Unity"

The Society for Ecumenical Studies are holding a study day on Saturday 8th October which will have a report back from various meetings and dialogues, including the Orthodox Holy Synod in Crete and the International Reformed Anglican Dialogue, as well as having a talk on 'Ecumenical Psychology'.



It will be held at the [Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Holy Family in Exile](#), 22 Binney St. (near Bond St. Tube station), London, W1K 5BQ

Main Speakers:

- Peter Tyler: Ecumenical Psychology
- Brandon Gallaher: The Orthodox Synod in Crete

Short Talks:

- David Carter: Catholic/Methodist Dialogue May 2016
- Elizabeth Welch: International Reformed/Anglican Dialogue September 2016:
The Nature of Communion
- Mark Woodruff: The Ukrainian Catholic Church's Commitment to Unity

Booking is essential and a [booking form and timetable of the day can be viewed here](#). Please register by Saturday 1 October if possible.

For further information, please contact [Aleksandar Miljkovic](#), SfES Secretary

**Anti-Slavery
CCMS-HT Hub**



CCMS-HT
Churches Combating Modern Slavery - Human Trafficking

Welcome to this hub area where you will find resources and contacts for Churches Combating Modern Slavery - Human Trafficking (CCMS-HT)

The resources are:

[Freedom Sunday](#)

[Videos with Bishop Eric Brown](#)

[2015 Conference](#)

The contacts and links are:

Churches Together in England staff: [Elizabeth Joy](#) and [Joe Aldred](#)

[Stop the Traffick](#)

[Human Trafficking Foundation:](#)

[Salvation Army Dept.](#)

[Church of England Human Trafficking.](#)

[UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner](#)

Hotline : Anti-Slavery/Human Trafficking 24-Hour Helpline:

0800 012 1700

Interfaith Refugee Initiative

200 faith leaders from across a wide variety of traditions, have signed an open letter to the Prime Minister and her Government about the welcome and welfare of refugees in the UK.

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Faith Leaders' Open Letter to the Prime Minister

We are leaders from Britain's major faiths: Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Zoroastrian. All our faiths compel us to affirm the dignity of all human beings and to offer help to anyone in need. As people of faith, we call on your Government urgently to revise its policy towards refugees. The best of this country is represented by the generosity, kindness, solidarity and decency that Britain has at many times shown those fleeing persecution, even at times of far greater deprivation and difficulty than the present day. We rejoice in the mosaic of different faiths and British communities that we now represent. We are proud that in May 2016, in a survey by Amnesty International, 83% of Britons said they would welcome refugees into their neighbourhoods and households.

They affirm the dignity of all human beings and specifically ask that:

- 1) The UK should take a fair and proportionate share of refugees, both those already within Europe and those still outside it.
- 2) Safe and legal routes to the UK, as well as the rest of Europe, need to be established.
- 3) Safe and legal routes within Europe, including the UK, should be established
- 4) There should be access to fair and thorough procedures to determine eligibility for international protection wherever it is sought.

[Link to the Open Letter text and signatories](#)

Pilgrimage in Devizes

This is a personal account of a local ecumenical pilgrimage by Liz Overthrow, Secretary of Wiltshire Churches Together:



Liz writes: 'How many people in a small town have actually seen all the churches in that town? It was this that inspired to me, together with the annual National Heritage weekend, to attempt a Pilgrimage visiting every church in Devizes. I used [the Ride and Stride event](#) to highlight this event and managed to raise money for historic churches as well as my own church.

There are ten churches including Anglican, Methodist/URC, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Quaker and Pentecostal. I wanted to show people the wide range of Christians there are in this place and also give a little bit of history of each building as well as praying together. Bearing in mind the Reformation anniversary next year, it was enlightening to find out how the different denominations had developed over the centuries.

I led a pilgrimage around all ten churches. In each church we had a bit of history, a five-minute tour and a special prayer for the people who worship there. The whole thing took 2 hours and I did it in the morning and the afternoon. Unfortunately, the rain did not let up all morning!

At the end of the journey, I gave each participant a bookmark. On one side was the list of churches we had visited and on the other this prayer:

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness,
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen'



Archbishop of Canterbury's Ecumenical Adviser

Archbishop of Canterbury's Ecumenical Adviser and Ecumenical Officer at the Council for Christian Unity

Role: Serving the Archbishop in all matters relating to his ecumenical responsibilities, you will need to operate at a strategic level and understand policy implications as well as being able to take care of the details and deliver projects and events on the ground.

You will bring experience of drawing on theological knowledge in diverse cultural and missional contexts and of engaging with the different historical and theological perspectives of ecumenical partners.

This varied post will involve working with a team of colleagues in the Council for Christian Unity to develop and strengthen the Church of England's ecumenical relations, and your capacity for shaping and implementing strategic priorities will be vital to your success in the role.

Salary: £50,604 per annum rising to £53,662 per annum upon successful completion of probationary period

A very competitive benefits package is also offered with this appointment including 30 days paid annual leave per annum plus Bank holidays, three additional NCI holidays, an excellent pensions package and an interest free season ticket loan.

Location: Church House, Westminster, with regular time spent at Lambeth Palace
Contract Type: Permanent, 35 hours per week

[Click here for a more detailed description of this role and its duties along with details of how to apply.](#)

Closing Date: Monday 17th October, 2016 with shortlisting by 20th October, 2016.
Interviews: Thursday 27th October, 2016.



And finally ..

The Archbishop of Canterbury's XI, representing the Church of England, were hosting the first triangular tournament for the Unity Through Cricket trophy, alongside a team from the Vatican, St Peter's XI, and Mount Cricket Club, composed of Muslim players from Batley, in Yorkshire.

[Read the whole story from the Church Times](#)

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