**Websites**

*Websites of organisations working on the intersections between social action, justice and faith*

A Rocha UK

A Rocha UK work for the protection and restoration of the natural world. Their resources-filled website is aimed at churches and individuals exploring how their faith connects with issues surrounding the environment. Key UK based projects include Eco Church and Wild Christian.

[https://arocha.org.uk/](https://arocha.org.uk/)

Christian Aid

Christian Aid fight against poverty throughout the world. Their website provides resources to support churches looking to engage with issues of global poverty.

[https://www.christianaid.org.uk/](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/)

Christians Against Poverty

CAP aim to release people from poverty through debt counselling and community groups. CAP offers courses and resources for churches looking to engage with issues of financial poverty.

[https://capuk.org/](https://capuk.org/)

Church Action on Poverty

Church Action on Poverty is an ecumenical charity dedicated to tackling the root causes of poverty in the UK. They have a vision of a fairer society with a narrower gap between rich and poor. They provide resources to support churches address issue of poverty.


Churches for All

Churches for All is a network of UK Christian disability-engaged organisations. Their aim is to help churches create and sustain an environment where disabled people can participate fully in church life for the benefit of all.

Church Urban Fund

Church Urban Fund (CUF) have a vision to see people and communities all over England flourish and enjoy life in all its fullness. They work through the Church of England’s local parish networks, and alongside other faith-based and secular organisations, to bring about positive change in neighbourhoods. The CUF website contains resources for churches to use around poverty.

https://www.cuf.org.uk/

Cinnamon Network

Cinnamon Network aims to make it as easy as possible for local churches to transform their communities by reaching out and building life-giving relationships with those in greatest need. They offer tailored support for churches, leadership training for church-based volunteers involved in social action and opportunities to apply for ‘micro-grants’ to start new social action projects.

https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/

fleshandblood

fleshandblood is a campaign to mobilise the people and resources of the church to help increase the number of blood and organ donors in the UK.

http://fleshandblood.org/

Green Christian

Green Christian aims to help people understand the connection between the environment and faith. Their website contains practical resources to support this.

http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/

Hope into Action

Hope into Action provides homes for the most vulnerable in society in partnership with local churches.

http://hopeintoaction.org.uk/

Housing Justice

Housing Justice is the national voice of Christian action to prevent homelessness and bad housing. They offer support to churches looking to address these issues in their communities.

https://www.housingjustice.org.uk/
Joint Public Issues Team

The Joint Public Issues Team is made up of the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, working together for peace and justice. Their website contains a range of resources for churches about topics including asylum seekers and migration, the environment, poverty and inequality and peacemaking.

http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/

Joy in Enough

Led by Green Christian, Joy in Enough is a campaign for a fair and sustainable economy. The website contains resources and papers reflecting on how Christians can respond to issues of sustainability, equality and economics.

https://joyinenough.org/

Jubilee+

Jubilee+ want to see churches at the heart of nurturing strong communities centred around social action, social justice and social enterprise. Their website provides guides to support churches engaging with social issues.

https://jubilee-plus.org/

Just Finance Foundation

The Just Finance Foundation has a vision of a fair financial system and addresses the issues of financial exclusion, distress caused by unmanageable money worries and debt, and the lack of practical knowledge around budgeting, saving and spending. They offer three training courses for churches and individuals looking to address these issues.

https://www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk/

Places of Welcome

Places of Welcome is a growing network of local community groups (including churches) providing their neighbourhoods with places where all people feel safe to belong, connect and contribute.

https://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk/

Prison Fellowship

Prison Fellowship’s mission is to show Christ’s love to prisoners and their families by coming alongside them and supporting them. They want to support churches (and individuals) to become involved in their local prisons.

https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/
Rules for Christian Activists

Rules for Christian Activists is an interactive website with stories of everyday Christian activism.

https://www.rulesforchristianactivists.com/

Social Responsibility Network

SRN is a peer support network for Christian social responsibility practitioners. They share good practice, ideas and information on a wide range of social responsibility issues and provide peer support and encouragement. SRN host an annual conference.

https://srnet.org.uk/

The Centre for Theology & Community

The Centre for Theology & Community aims to equip churches to transform their communities through the practices of community organising, theological reflection and prayer. Their website contains resources to support churches in this.

http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/

The Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility

The Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility is a faith-based coalition that leads and collaborates with others in advocacy and awareness raising, working for economic justice, human rights and environmental sustainability. Their website contains resources to support individuals and churches on ethical money issues.

http://www.eccr.org.uk/

The GRA:CE Project

The GRA:CE project is a three–year research project by Theos and Church Urban Fund seeking to understand the relationship between church growth, social action and discipleship within the Church of England.

https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/research/2000/01/31/the-grace-project

Together for the Common Good

The vision of Together for the Common Good is of a world being transformed as more people take responsibility for the common good and are committed to the flourishing of all. Their website contains resources and details events that support this mission.

http://www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/
Transforming Lives for Good

Transforming Lives for Good is a Christian charity that aims to support churches in their role in bringing hope and a future to struggling children in the UK. They offer programmes and support around holiday hunger and school exclusion.

https://www.tlg.org.uk/

Urban Expression

Urban Expression are an urban church planting organisation. They offer training programmes and resources for that challenge Christians to engage in pioneering and creative mission, and reflect on issues of justice in an urban context.

http://urbanexpression.org.uk/
Websites (Merseyside)

*Websites of organisations working across Merseyside on the intersection between social action, justice and faith*

**Faiths4Change**

Faiths4Change connects the health and wellbeing of people and the environment across the North West through partnerships, community projects and not-for-profit services.

https://www.faiths4change.org.uk/

**Imagine If**

Imagine If Trust is a Liverpool based charity, motivated by the Christian faith, working to bring about transformation through a range of community projects. Their aims are to relieve poverty, promote education and strengthen families.

http://www.imagineiftrust.org/

**Liverpool Community Spirit**

Liverpool Community Spirit is an inter-faith community education charity which draws on the insights, wisdom and traditions of Liverpool’s diverse faith and cultural communities to nurture the understanding, trust and friendship needed for inclusive and lasting community spirit. They deliver education workshops for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

http://www.liverpoolcommunityspirit.org/

**Micah Liverpool**

Micah Liverpool is a social justice charity founded by Liverpool Cathedral, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and St Bride’s Church to relieve Liverpool residents from social injustice and poverty. They run projects to combat unemployment and deliver emergency food aid and affordable food.

https://micahliverpool.com/

**St Andrew’s Community Network**

St Andrew's Community Network is a North Liverpool based charity which encourages and enables churches to engage with social action activities.

http://www.standrewsllive.org.uk/about-us-community
Together Liverpool

Together Liverpool aim to equip churches, Christians, communities and charities to bring hope, resources and support to their neighbours. They work with churches and faith-based projects to help them respond effectively to local needs and make a bigger difference in their communities.

https://www.cuf.org.uk/together-liverpool
Reports

Policy and research reports connecting social action, justice and faith

After Grenfell: the Faith Groups' Response

A report by Theos exploring how faith groups responded to the fire at Grenfell Tower.

https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/research/2018/06/01/after-grenfell-the-faith-groups-response

Building Kingdom communities: The prophetic role of the Church in community engagement

This practical paper by Church Urban Fund aims to assist theological reflection on social action.


Christians in Practice: connecting discipleship and community engagement

Christians in Practice, conducted by the Saltley Trust and Church Urban Fund, explores how Christians connect their discipleship to their engagement in communities and neighbourhoods. The research was conducted in the Diocese of Birmingham and Lichfield.

https://www.saltleytrust.org.uk/publications/

Church in Action: a national survey of church based social action

In 2017 Church Urban Fund conducted a large-scale national survey, assessing the scale and nature of Anglican social action in England. The report highlights and celebrates the contribution that churches are making to their local communities.


Creative Tension in Urban Mission: Reflections on Missional Practice and Theory

A Grove Book reflecting on how churches and individual practitioners can respond faithfully and creatively to the tensions that often arise in urban mission.


Doing Good: A Future for Christianity in the 21st Century

A report by Theos reflecting on how Christians combine approaches to loving God and loving their neighbour.

https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/research/2016/12/14/doing-good-a-future-for-christianity-in-the-21st-century
Doing Good Better: The Case for Faith–based Social Innovation

A report by Theos examining how faith organisations are responding to social need in innovative ways, and what can be learnt from them.

https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/research/2017/05/03/doing-good-better-the-case-for-faith-based-social-innovation

Fullness of Life Together: Reimagining Christian engagement in our communities

A report by Church Urban Fund and Livability considering how churches engage with their communities. They question the dominance of service delivery models in Christian community engagement and offer alternatives drawing on co-production and asset-based community development.

http://www2.cuf.org.uk/research/fullness-life-together-reimagining-christian-engagement-our-communities

God and the Moneylenders: faith and the battle against exploitative lending

A report by The Centre for Theology & Community focusing on how those of faith can respond to the rise in exploitative money lending practices.


Good Neighbours: How Churches Help Communities Flourish

A report by Theos and Church Urban Fund exploring the impact of churches in deprived communities in England.

https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/research/2014/07/10/good-neighbours-how-churches-help-communities-flourish

Homelessness and Evangelism

This Grove Book reflects on how Christians can respond appropriately with the Good News to those who are homeless.

https://grovebooks.co.uk/products/ev-52-homelessness-and-evangelism

Hope in God’s Future: Christian Discipleship in the Context of Climate Change

A report and study guide by the Joint Public Issues team to help churches and individuals explore the connections between the Christian faith and environmental issues and consider how they can respond.

Ingredients for Action: understanding and responding to food poverty

This report by Church Urban Fund explores how the principles of being relational, encouraging participation, and seeking justice can help shape and inform responses to food poverty both at a local and national level.

https://www.cuf.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=a3776fa2-d1f3-4986-aa4e-6c9ec0784dea

Jubilee Spirituality: Seeking a Free and Equal Society

This Grove Book follows the concept of jubilee in the Bible. It shares examples of where jubilee can and does inspire and transform today, offering ideas for action and reflection.

https://grovebooks.co.uk/products/s-133-jubilee-spirituality-seeking-a-free-and-equal-society

Just Church: Local congregations transforming their neighbourhoods

A booklet by The Centre for Theology & Community offering a theological framework connecting mission and social justice.


Marching Towards Justice: Community Organising and The Salvation Army

A report by The Centre for Theology & Community with a dual focus on evangelism and social action. It focuses on the role that seeking justice plays in moving beyond treating the symptoms of social injustice to challenging the causes.


Visible Discipleship: Re-imagining Social Responsibility for Today’s World

A discussion paper by the Social Responsibility Network, Church of England and Church in Wales, offering understanding of social responsibility as ‘visible discipleship’.


What a difference a faith makes: Insights on faith-based charities

A report by NPC reflecting on the role of faith-based charities in UK society.

https://www.thinknpc.org/resource-hub/what-a-difference-a-faith-makes/

What helps disciples grow?

A research project conducted by St Peter’s Saltley Trust exploring discipleship. The research was conducted in the West Midlands.

https://www.saltleytrust.org.uk/publications/
Reports (Merseyside)

Reports on social action, justice and/or inequality across Merseyside

Austerity, Adversity & Welfare Reform: The Impact in Liverpool

This report produced by Liverpool Mental Health Consortium in 2017 reflects on the impacts of austerity and welfare reforms on Liverpool. It has a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing.


Cinnamon Faith Action Audit: City of Liverpool

In 2016, Cinnamon Network undertook an audit on faith and action in the city of Liverpool. This audit, also conducted nationally, provides evidence of the value of time given by the UK Church and faith groups to their communities each year.


Community Cohesion Report

This report produced by Liverpool City Council in 2017 analyses community cohesion in Liverpool.


Liverpool City Region Child Poverty and Life Chances Strategy

This document sets out the strategy for addressing child poverty in the Liverpool City Region.


Liverpool: Welfare Reform Cumulative Impact Analysis Interim Report

This report produced by Liverpool City Council in 2016 details the impacts of welfare reforms on the city.

Books

*Books connecting social action with faith, church growth and/or discipleship*

Books can be ordered from the Liverpool Cathedral shop or from your local bookseller.

https://www.cathedralshop.com/


*Beyond the Good Samaritan: Community Ministry and Mission* (2003) by Ann Morisy

*Buying God: Consumerism and Theology* (2018) by Eve Poole

*Community and Ministry: An Introduction to Community Development in a Christian Context* (2007) by Paul Ballard

*Crossover City: Resources for Urban Mission and Transformation* (2011) by Andrew Davey

*Crunch Time: A call to action* (2010), edited by Angus Ritchie

*Dethroning Mammon: Making Money Serve Grace* (2016) by Justin Welby

*Economy of Grace* (2005) by Kathryn Tanner

*Faithful Citizens: Catholic Social Teaching & Community Organising* (2010) by Austen Ivereigh

*For Good: The Church and the future of welfare* (2017) by Sam Wells


*Is a Radical Church Possible? Reshaping Its Life for Jesus' Sake* (2016) by Adrian Alker

*Just Church: 21st Century Liberation Theology in Action* (2016) by Chris Howson

*Justice as Fairness: A Restatement* (2001) by John Rawls and Erin Kelly

*Just Living: Faith and Community in an Age of Consumerism* (2016) by Ruth Valerio


*‘L’ is for Lifestyle: Christian Living That Doesn’t Cost the Earth* (2008) by Ruth Valerio

*Ordinary Miracles* (2018) by Chris Lane

*Practical Theology in Action – Christian Thinking in the Service of Church and Society* (2006) by Paul Ballard

*Preparing for the Economic Storm* (2014) by Derrick Burns

*Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger: Moving from affluence to generosity* (2010) by Ronald Sider


*The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical* (2016) by Shane Claiborne


*Unto This Last* (2006) by John Ruskin
Resources

Resources for churches and faith organisations seeking to engage further with issues of social action, justice and faith

A place to call home? - Bible study

Six Bible studies produced by the Joint Public Issues Team around how Christians can respond to issues surrounding housing in the UK.


Calling People of Goodwill - Bible study

Six-session Bible study resource to help understand the common good in the Bible and respond to God’s calling to transform the world. This resource is designed for prayer groups, away-days, church events, conferences, retreats or personal reading.

http://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/resources/calling-people-of-goodwill.html

Christians Against Poverty - films

A selection of short films that churches can download to inspire them about how God is using Christians Against Poverty to help relieve poverty in the UK.

https://capuk.org/get-involved/your-church/resources

Church Action on Poverty - resources

Church Action on Poverty provide resources for churches to help address issues of poverty. These include worship resources, videos, a poverty quiz, and guidance on how to give a talk about poverty or run a poverty focused workshop.

http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/act/resources

Eco Church - resources

A collection of resources produced by Eco Church on five areas of church life: Worship and Teaching, Building Management, Land Management, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. These include worship and sermon resources as well as practical advice on environment issues.

https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/
Enabling Church Course

The Enabling Church Course is a flexible eight-session course exploring how to enrich church life through sharing mission and ministry together with disabled people.

http://churchesforall.org.uk/enablingchurch/ecc/

Encounters on the Edge - booklets

A series of booklets by Church Army focusing on church planting and fresh expressions of Church. The following editions connect these themes with social action/justice: no. 17 (addiction); no. 31 (under fives); no. 39 (urban poor); no. 40 (older people); no. 44 (adults with learning disabilities) and no. 48 (non-churched teenagers).

https://www.churcharmy.org.uk/Articles/516326/What_we_do/Research_Unit/Archive_publications.aspx

Faith in Foodbanks? - resources

A collection of resources produced by the Joint Public Issues Team for churches about foodbanks, including sermon suggestions, prayers and a Bible study guide.


Going deeper into debt – Bible study and worship resources

Bible study and worship resources produced by The Children’s Society and The Centre for Theology & Community, to explore the impact of problem debt on families


Green Christian - worship resources

A collection of worship resources to support those seeking to connect faith and environmental issues

http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/faith-and-hope/

Keeping the Faith - user-friendly guide

A user–friendly guide, supporting faith–based organisations in integrating faith into high quality services and charitable initiatives, produced by Theos and The Centre for Theology & Community. Particularly relevant for groups that want to address the issue of proselytising.

LifeSavers - school assembly resources

LifeSavers school assembly resources contain 80+ pages of ideas and resources to help children explore what it means to be generous, wise, thankful and just with money. The resource uses a values-based approach, drawing on Christian teaching around money.

https://www.lifesavers.co.uk/assembly-resources

Lifting the Lid - Bible study

Lifting the Lid is a six-week Bible study course focused on faith and mental health.

https://livability.org.uk/resources/lifting-the-lid/

Mental Health Access Pack - resources pack

A resources pack to help churches support those with mental health issues.

http://www.mentalhealthaccesspack.org/download-the-whole-pack/

Mission Theology Advisory Group - online resources

The Mission Theology Advisory Group produces resources to support individuals and churches across five themes: Spirituality, Theology, Reconciliation, Evangelism and Mission.

https://ctbi.org.uk/mission-theology-advisory-group-resources/

Modern Slavery Lessons - collective worship resources

Modern Slavery Lessons has been created by The Clewer Initiative and Just Enough Group as a way to share their resources for schools. They have created lesson plans and collective worship materials for key stages one to five, focused on helping children and young people learn what modern slavery is, and how they can help raise awareness about it.

https://www.modernslaveryeducation.com/

Mustard Seed – resources pack

Church Urban Fund has developed resources to be used in church services, exploring how churches can engage with issues of fair and affordable finance and financial services. The resources pack contains Mustard Seed themed services suitable for all ages, with sermon outlines, all age worship and children’s resources.

https://www.cuf.org.uk/mustard-seed-resources
Near Neighbours - community project resources

Near Neighbours brings people together in communities that are religiously and ethnically diverse, so that they can get to know each other better, build relationships of trust, and collaborate together on initiatives that improve the local community they live in. They offer online resources and provide training workshops for churches on how to plan, fundraise and market a community project.

https://www.near-neighbours.org.uk/resources

Peace Resources for Youth Groups - Bible study

Four interactive Bible studies by the Joint Public Issues Team, designed to be used by Christian youth groups to enable discussion and reflection on peacemaking and Christianity.

http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/peace-resources-for-youth-groups/

Quakers in Britain - resource pack

Resources developed by Quakers in Britain surrounding issues of faith relations, peace, climate and social justice.

https://www.quaker.org.uk/resources/free-resources/interfaith-peace-climate-social-justice

Quakers in Britain toolkit for action

The toolkit for action is a series of short publications that provide practical 'how to' detail for changing the world. Each publication looks at a different campaigning skill, and can be read on its own, or alongside other 'chapters' of the toolkit.


Riding Lights Theatre Company - environmental videos for small groups

Seven short films and notes for small group discussions about climate justice, produced by Riding Lights Theatre Company.

https://ridinglights.org/baked-alaska/baked-alaska-for-small-groups/

School Kit - DVD

A three-session interactive DVD resource by Transforming Lives for Good, designed to be used by churches and schools to help parents and carers as they support children through school.

https://www.tlg.org.uk/your-church/school-kit

Seeing Change Course - Bible study

A five-session course for churches and small groups, by The Centre for Theology & Community, focusing on community building.

http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/resources/courses-and-resources/seeing-change-video-course/
The Clewer Initiative - modern slavery and homelessness digital resources

The Clewer Initiative have created four videos with the aim of increasing awareness of modern slavery amongst those who work or volunteer in projects with homeless people.

https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/homeless

Unlock

Unlock exists to help urban churches of any denomination respond to the challenges in their areas. It is especially concerned with Bible engagement with 'traditional tabloid' ('non-book', 'oral learners', or 'text-shy') cultures. Its resources page contains 30+ downloadable Bible studies.

http://www.unlock-urban.org.uk/resources_projects.php

Who is my neighbour? - Bible study

A five-session course, by The Centre for Theology & Community, focusing on what the Bible has to say about housing.

Speakers for your church

Organisations offering speakers to come to your church and talk about their social action work

A Rocha UK: Caring for God’s Earth
https://arocha.org.uk/our-activities/churches/advice-and-support/speakers/

Bible Society
https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/request-a-speaker/

Christians Against Poverty
https://capuk.org/get-involved/your-church/book-a-cap-speaker

Church Army
https://www.churcharmy.org/Groups/291357/Church_Army/web/Get_Involved/Request_a_speaker/Request_a_speaker.aspx

Church Urban Fund
https://form.jotformeu.com/CUF/church-speaker-request-form

Housing Justice
https://www.housingjustice.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/church-support

Safe Families for Children
https://www.safefamiliesforchildren.com/join-us/safe-families-church/

Transforming Lives for Good
https://www.tlg.org.uk/your-church/speaking-events
Diocese of Liverpool resource contacts

The diocese has many resources available for churches to access

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