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Freedom Year

Journey with the Anglican Alliance to
combat modern slavery and human trafficking

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Welcome

"If we are to combat this evil then we must work together to prevent the crime, support the survivors and prosecute the criminals. The knowledge that churches have of their local communities puts them on the frontline in this campaign."

- The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Welcome to the Anglican Alliance's Freedom Year calendar. We invite you to join us as we learn more about human trafficking and modern slavery in the world today, pray for change, and take action to end it.

In this calendar there are themes and activities for each month of the year, which will take us on a journey to find out more about human trafficking, help us to take action, and encourage us join the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery, both locally and globally.

There are also prayer points to underpin everything we do; inviting God into the centre of our learning and action, and reminding us that without God we can do nothing.

We will be building up to a month of focused prayer and advocacy in July - Freedom Month - which we invite you and your church to join us in. This culminates in the International Day against Trafficking in Persons on 30 July.

We hope that this year you will be encouraged to connect with people around the world, to learn from each other, and to recognise the crucial role that churches play in the fight against human trafficking.



Thank you for joining us on our journey this year! Don't forget to check our website and to follow us on social media for regular updates.

Our dedicated website page is:
<https://anglicanalliance.org/development/ending-human-trafficking>.

The links to Facebook and Twitter are in the boxes below. We will be using the hashtag #ChurchesAgainstTrafficking to track the journey.

You can also sign up to our mailing list to receive bi-monthly newsletters about our work at <https://anglicanalliance.org/news/mailling-list>.

And do get in touch - either on social media or by email - with your news about how you have joined the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery this year.

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The 7 Ps

Throughout this year we will be engaging with the 7 Ps. This is a holistic strategic framework to help churches see where they can best engage their abilities to tackle human trafficking. With a presence across communities, every church can respond, especially with prayer and prevention.

✦ Prayer

To cover all. Praying individually and corporately to see change and seek God's guidance and blessing on the work.

✦ Prevention

Awareness raising in churches and communities; reducing demand (e.g. for cheap goods and services based on slave labour) and reducing vulnerability to trafficking.

✦ Protection

Provision to get victims out of slavery; safe houses; meeting immediate needs, shelter and long term rehabilitation, preventing re-trafficking; reunification and repatriation or resettlement.

✦ Prosecution

Referral for legal advice; accompanying survivors in the legal process.

✦ Partnership

With other churches, faiths and agencies – NGOs, governments, UN.

✦ Policy

Advocacy at local, national and regional level to see effective policy and legislation agreed and implemented to achieve system change to prevent/reduce trafficking.

✦ Participation

Encouraging the individual and corporate response in all parts of the churches, including marking Freedom Year and Freedom Sunday.

The Freedom Prayer

Voice 1: On this holy ground of worship
In this sacred place of prayer
We have heard the voice of freedom
Crying 'Let my people go.'

**All: Father/God of freedom,
Who leads us into life,
Deliver us from every evil:
And make of us
Deliverers of others.**

Voice 2: Where chains restrain God's chosen children,
Where humans trade in kin and skin,
May our words pass on your promise,
Of a land where liberty is sweet.

**All: Father/God of freedom,
Who leads us into life,
Deliver us from every evil:
And make of us
Deliverers of others.**

Voice 3: Give us faith to face the Pharaohs,
Who line their pockets from this plague.
Send us as salvation's sponsors,
Willing servants; slaves to love.

**All: Father/God of freedom,
Who leads us into life,
Deliver us from every evil:
And make of us
Deliverers of others.
Amen**

The Freedom Prayer is prayed by churches globally on Freedom Sunday – for more information and the text in other languages please visit www.freedomsundayglobal.org

January

Introduction

Please visit our dedicated website page at <https://anglicanalliance.org/development/ending-human-trafficking> to watch our 'Freedom Year' launch video and to keep up to date with information and activities throughout each month.



The Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury and other world faith leaders came together on 2 December 2014 to commit their faith communities to work together to seek an end to modern slavery and human trafficking. Pope Francis has called the trade “a modern crime against humanity”.

We cannot tackle this alone. It is vital that churches work together.

The Anglican Alliance collaborates closely with Caritas Internationalis and the Salvation Army in its global work against modern slavery. Pray that this Freedom Year encourages the further unity of the churches in coming together to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking worldwide.



Prayer Points

✦ Prepare Your Heart

Spend some time thinking about the year ahead and asking God to give you wisdom and understanding as we start this journey together.

February

Theme: Prevention

With their presence in communities across the world, churches have a key role in raising awareness to prevent human trafficking.

Here are some simple steps to take.

Activities

✦ Learn About Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is the movement or recruitment by deception or coercion for the purpose of exploitation. It is a violent abuse of human rights. Victims may suffer fear, physical abuse, torture and threats to their families. The traffickers aim to control the victims and break their spirit.

✦ Find Out More

What is the situation of human trafficking and modern slavery in your country? Look at examples in the newspapers. Invite a government or NGO officer with expertise in this area to talk with your church group about how to prevent human trafficking. Make a list of ways that communities can raise awareness and help with prevention.

✦ Protect Yourself and Others

It is important to be aware of how traffickers recruit people, through deception and coercion, and how you can help your community to prevent people being trafficked. Find out how to get help if someone is at risk of trafficking.

✦ Inform Yourself and Others

Have an awareness campaign in the church and community. Talk with young people who are offered a job outside the community to check that it is safe.

March

Focus on: Africa

Churches in Africa will be sharing examples from their region on how they are tackling human trafficking and modern slavery.

Don't forget to check our website and follow us on social media for updates, and sign up to our mailing list at <https://anglicanalliance.org/news/mailling-list>.



Prayer Points

- ✦ Pray for all our churches in Africa to include the issues of anti-human trafficking on their agendas in a significant way at local, national, regional and global levels.
- ✦ Pray for safe spaces for victims to seek assistance, and effective ways for churches to support survivors in partnership with governments and civil society.
- ✦ Pray for the governments of all our countries to allocate more resources to combat human trafficking and modern slavery.
- ✦ Pray that our churches will create partnerships among ourselves, networking with other denominations, faith groups and NGOs to join the campaign so that we are able to share resources and experiences and strengthen our individual efforts.

April

Focus on: North America



This month a consultation is taking place in Canada on human trafficking and what churches and communities in Canada can do to tackle it. More information about trafficking in the region will be on our website this month.

Webinar

The Anglican Alliance will be hosting a webinar following the consultation in Canada, which will bring together global perspectives on human trafficking and modern slavery.

You can join us online for the one hour panel discussion and Q&A. More details will be on our website at the beginning of the month.



Theme: Protection

This month's theme is about recognising victims of modern slavery and reporting this to the appropriate agencies who can rescue them. They also need protection from being re-trafficked.

The first step to stopping human trafficking is to spot it. There are a number of signs that can help us to identify a situation where people are being used as slaves:



There may be signs of physical abuse, or they may seem anxious, fearful or lack self-esteem



They may seem to be bonded by debt or have money deducted from their salary



They may have little or no contact with their family or loved ones due to the removal of their passports and restriction of movement



They may be reluctant to seek help and seem frightened to talk to strangers or the authorities

Activities

★ Spot the Signs

Find out how to spot the signs of human trafficking and modern slavery, and think about where you might spot them in your local area.

★ Find Out More

Create a list of helplines and local services that are available for people looking to help those trapped in modern slavery in your local area?

★ Always Keep Safe

Traffickers are dangerous criminals. Don't rush in to rescue a person. Speak to local authorities or NGOs who can give proper support.

Theme: Humanitarian Contexts

This month we'll be looking at the prevalence of human trafficking in emergency situations. For example in situations of conflict, a natural disaster, or persecution, where people are forced to leave their homes, vulnerable people can be left exposed to exploitation and human trafficking.

You can read more about this in resources which will be linked on our website page this month: <https://anglicanalliance.org/development/ending-human-trafficking>

Focus on: Europe

The refugee crisis in Europe is one example of a humanitarian emergency that has left people vulnerable to human trafficking. We'll be exploring this in more detail on our website this month.



Activities

★ World Refugee Week

From 18-24 June 2018 communities around the world will be celebrating the contributions that refugees bring to their societies and committing to support refugees and people forced to flee their homes. This is based around World Refugee Day, which is marked on 20 June each year.

★ Find Out More

The link between humanitarian crises and human trafficking is not often taken into account by humanitarian responders. Spend some time this month finding out more about how people can be left vulnerable to trafficking during and after humanitarian crises, and what needs to be done to stop traffickers taking advantage in times of increased vulnerability.

Freedom Month

30 July is the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Our themes this month focus on **Participation** and **Prayer** - two of the key ways we can work to fight human trafficking together. Check our website and social media channels for prayer points and activities this month.

Activities

✦ Photo Collage

Send us your photos and images of the activities you have been getting involved in so far this year to learn more about human trafficking and raise awareness. You could send a photo of an event you've attended or held, or an image of something that symbolises your activities, such as prayer or research. Send us an email or share it to our social media pages with the hashtag #ChurchesAgainstTrafficking.

Please remember: never share a photo on social media which might put yourself or a survivor at risk.



Prayer Points

✦ The Freedom Prayer

We will be continuing to pray the Freedom Prayer throughout the month. The prayer can be found at the beginning of this booklet. We encourage you to share your prayers and reflections with us as we walk together to end human trafficking.

Webinar

Join us online to hear from churches around the world on how they have engaged with Freedom Month and what they are doing to fight human trafficking in their regions. You can also contribute to the discussion and let us know what you have been doing to mark the month.



Theme: Prosecution

Once you have spotted the signs of modern slavery, it is important to report it, as long as you are safe to do so. Notes on keeping yourself and your church safe will be available on our website this month. To end human trafficking the perpetrators must be prosecuted and brought to justice.

✦ Report It

Stop the Traffik have a list of helplines in some countries that you can ring to report trafficking and modern slavery on their website at: <https://www.stophetraffik.org/share-information/contact-authorities/>

✦ Share Information

You can also share information anonymously on the Stop the Traffik website at <https://www.stophetraffik.org/share-information> or download the 'Stop App' to do the same. The information is being used to gather data on trafficking and help prevent it in the most vulnerable communities. It is not designed to help individual victims – for that you need to contact a local helpline or appropriate authority.

Remember your safety comes first.



Focus on: The Middle East

This month we will be sharing news and resources on how the churches in the Middle East are engaging in the fight against human trafficking.

September

Theme: Partnership

We work better when we work together. The Anglican Alliance's mandate is to connect; to facilitate relationships and encourage churches and agencies across the Anglican Communion to work in partnerships in their development, relief and advocacy work worldwide.

We have been partnering with the Salvation Army, Caritas Internationalis and Stop the Traffik in regional consultations, and we continue to collaborate with other churches and organisations to end human trafficking. This month we'll be looking at how we can promote partnership across the Anglican Communion and join people together in the fight against human trafficking.

Activities

✦ Learn More

New resources are being written to engage and unite churches and their communities in the fight against trafficking. Look out for these on our website this month - they will teach us more about how to work together with those around us in our efforts to combat human trafficking.

✦ Participate

Look back over the activities of the year so far and reflect on the things you have learned from people in the world around you; go to our website and watch the webinars that took place in April and July; and join us on social media with #ChurchesAgainstTrafficking.



Prayer Points

✦ Ask God to reveal to you ways in which you can partner with others, and to guide you into meetings with those who are also on a journey to find out more. Please share your prayers via our social media links.

October

Focus on: Asia

A regional forum in East Asia this month will focus our thoughts on the region and introduce us to the particular challenges the region faces.

Churches in Asia will be sharing examples from the region on how they are engaging in anti-human trafficking work.



Activities

✦ Freedom Sunday

On 14 October 2018, which is the closest Sunday to European Anti-Slavery day on 18 October, churches in Europe will be marking Freedom Sunday. Have a look at our website to see more about what they are doing to mark the day and download resources to engage the church where you are.

Remember, you can choose any Sunday in the year which is appropriate for your area to mark Freedom Sunday.

November

Theme: Policy

Churches can speak out and make a difference. We can advocate to governments on having effective policies and legislation. There is also a lot we can do as individuals to change our own practices and influence the way the world works. For example modern slavery is prevalent in many supply chains. Where we buy our day to day items matters.

Activities

✦ Slavery Footprint

Take the survey at www.slaveryfootprint.org and find out how the things you might buy may be made by people trapped in modern slavery.

✦ Buy Slave-Free

Find out which companies you can buy from that have transparent supply chains and are slave-free. For example this website lists companies in the United States that are fair trade certified: <http://www.endslaverynow.org/act/buy-slave-free/slave-free-companies>

Focus on: The Pacific

This month churches in the Pacific region will be sharing on their work and how people are coming together to combat human trafficking.



December

Focus on:

Latin America and the Caribbean

This month churches in Latin America and the Caribbean will be sharing their experiences on working to end modern slavery and human trafficking. Keep an eye on our website for more information.



Prayer Points

- ✦ Please pray for protection, strength and support for those being trafficked across Latin America and the Caribbean.
- ✦ Pray that those living in the region would be more aware of the signs and feel empowered to investigate and respond.
- ✦ Pray also for traffickers: for a change of heart and a turning towards the Lord.

Activities

✦ International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

On 2 December 2018 we'll be marking the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. This is another opportunity to engage your church in marking Freedom Sunday and spend some time raising awareness on human trafficking and modern slavery.



Webinar

Join us online to hear from churches around the world on how they have engaged with Freedom Year and what they are doing to fight human trafficking in their regions.

Thank You

Thank you for joining us on this journey to discover more about human trafficking and modern slavery, and for taking part in a year of prayer, advocacy and action to end it.

Throughout this year we have been looking at different regions in the Anglican Communion and how churches in these regions are responding to human trafficking.

Our journey does not end here! Please join the Anglican Alliance in 2019 as we continue to tackle human trafficking and modern slavery.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and sign up to our mailing list for updates at <https://anglicanalliance.org/news/mailling-list>.

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