

an all-age service of celebration



Church Action
on Poverty

This outline for a celebration service for all ages was written to mark Church Action on Poverty's 30th birthday in 2012. It will help your congregation to reflect on issues of the economy, poverty, justice and inequality. It's a great way to engage people in our campaign to Close the Gap – or to mark your commitment publicly if your church has decided to support Church Action on Poverty.

planning

Background

There has never been a more appropriate time for us to reflect biblically on issues of the economy, poverty and justice and what our Christian response might be.

Use this 'pick and mix' -style service outline to plan a celebration service that suits your own congregation and context. You probably will not have time to include everything, but try and have something from each section (Gather, Introduction, Share the Word, Explore the Word, Respond to the Word, Intercessions and Sending Out). You could use this alongside some of the suggestions for fundraising found elsewhere in the church pack or community pack.

Pastoral sensitivity

Please be aware that the theme of this service may be very close to home for some of the people in your congregation, particularly if they are out of work or living with the threat of redundancy. You may want to ask people with gifts of pastoral care to be available at the end of the service in case anyone wants to talk or pray. You may also want to mention this in the introduction to the service, and invite people to make use of the pastoral and prayer ministries that are on offer at the end of the service if they would find this helpful, or to speak with the minister or someone they trust.

Prayers and hymns

See the sheet at the back of this pack for commissioned prayers and hymns, and other suggestions for hymns and songs.

Resources

To accompany different elements of this service, we have a range of resources including handouts, video clips and *PowerPoint* presentations. They explore poverty in the UK and the connections the Bible makes between poverty and injustice, and inspire us to make a difference through a story of hope and transformation. You can request a resource pack and DVD from us containing all of these materials, or download them free from www.church-poverty.org.uk/act/resources

Prepare the space

Lay red, orange and yellow fabrics over a table to create a focal point. Add some ceramic pots and/or colourful glass (or glass nuggets or beads) and/or wrought iron (such as a horse shoe or candlestick). Add strips of people holding hands made out of skin-tone strips of card.



Mime or dance

If you are using the mime for the Exodus reading, you will need at least five volunteers. Choose some suitable music, and practise using the space and timing the mime to the music in advance. The volunteer who is the burning bush needs to be dressed in brown or grey, and needs some red, orange and yellow scarves, ribbons or strips of fabric to hold.

Dramatic reading with images

If you are using the dramatised reading, you will need two volunteers, a Bible, and to work out where they will stand or sit.

Give, act, pray

Resources for these activities are available from www.church-poverty.org.uk/act/resources or from your church resource pack.

Candle making and decorating supplies are available from most children's craft shops or from www.bakerross.co.uk or www.yellowmoon.org.uk

gather

Gathering words

Our church has chosen to support the work of Church Action on Poverty. So we pause today to reflect on our economic system, and what the Bible says about poverty and the gap between rich and poor. And we celebrate that through Christ we are called to share good news with the poor and become partners of hope and transformation.

Call to worship (you could use 'Call from the burning bush' from the hymns and prayers section)

Hymn (You could use 'Dare to Dream' from the hymns and prayers section)

introduction

You will need: the 'Poverty in the UK' quiz (see 'Planning').

- Either project the *PowerPoint* version of the quiz questions and multiple-choice answers, or read them out.
- After each question, invite everyone to vote for an answer by raising their hand when you say "A", "B", etc. Keep the quiz light and fun.
- Ask someone to keep a note of the answer with the largest number of votes (do this quickly by estimating rather than counting so as not to interrupt the flow of the quiz).
- After everyone has voted, give the answer and any additional information, and ask the vote counter to 'mark' how the congregation has done.
- At the end of the quiz, get the vote counter to reflect back how well the congregation did.
- Use this to introduce the theme of the service, focusing on poverty in the UK, the biblical call to be the good news to the poor, and how we might respond.

Opening prayer (choose one from the hymns and prayers section at the back of this outline)

share the word

Readings: Exodus 3:1–17, Luke 4:16–21

Here are some ideas for presentation. It may be helpful to use a translation such as *The Message* or *The Poverty and Justice Bible*.

Exodus 3:1–17

Present this as a mime either with or without music, so that no words are spoken. You will need at least five volunteers who will need to practice first. The person who plays the role of the burning bush needs to be dressed in browns or greys and hold scarves or ribbons made of red, orange and yellow lightweight fabrics.

- The bush stands in a tree-like posture at the front or centre of the worship space with the coloured scarves hidden from view. The people stand still in a group a little off to one side.
- Moses walks around the congregation in a nonchalant way, slowly making his way towards the bush.
- As Moses reaches the bush, the bush picks up the flame-coloured scarves and starts to wave them.
- Moses looks this way and that around the tree, trying to work out why it is burning.
- Moses then puts his hands over his ears, leaps back and hurriedly takes his shoes off, and then hides his face behind his hands.
- The bush, draping the scarves around their shoulders, reaches towards the sky with one hand and then cups one hand behind their ear, before pointing towards three or more figures who are off to one side.
- When the bush points at them they each strike up a different still-life pose to indicate oppression, eg one with hands crossed above the head to indicate imprisonment, one bowed over with their head in their hands, one crouched down with both hands upwards as if trying to push up a heavy load, one with hands held protectively across the face and body.
- Moses looks up at God (the burning bush) and follows their pointing arm to the suffering people, and then slowly moves towards the people and one by one lifts them up, comforts them and then joins their hands together and leads them around to hold hands with the bush.
- End with everyone holding hands in a semi-circle looking out at the congregation, and the person on each end reaching out to the congregation as the bush speaks the words: “This is the word of the Lord” and the actors respond “Thanks be to God”.

Luke 4:16–21

Present this as a reading for two voices, with the narrator standing slightly off to one side and Jesus sitting in the congregation. As the narrator begins to read verses 16–17, Jesus moves to the front (to a lectern or pulpit if you have one). As Jesus reaches the front the narrator hands a Bible to him or her. Jesus opens the Bible and reads verses 18–19, closes the Bible, hands it back to the narrator and goes and sits down in the congregation again. The narrator reads verse 20. Jesus, from his/her seat in the congregation, says the quotation from verse 21.

You could also project suitable images during the reading. A slideshow is available (see ‘Planning’), which includes the following images:

- The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... *flames*
- ... to tell the good news to the poor... *protesters*
- ... to announce freedom for prisoners... *bird in flight*
- ... to give sight to the blind... *an eye*
- ... to free everyone who suffers... *chains*
- ... This is the year the Lord has chosen... *birthday candles*

explore the word

You may want to show the Kindle a Flame DVD (see Planning) then think about the story told in relation to the biblical readings.

In **Exodus** God grabs Moses' attention by speaking out of the flames of a burning bush. But God's words are words of justice and bring to mind the suffering of people everywhere – and never more so than here and now, in many of our poorer communities across the UK. "I have seen how my people are suffering and have heard their cry ... I will lead them out of their troubles". God's promise is of an end to suffering and the possibility of hope and transformation. But God chooses to work through humanity, and sends Moses to work for justice and to lead the people out of slavery. But Moses (and we) do not have to go it alone. God promises to work in partnership with Moses and with us to bring about change and transformation. "I will be with you".

In **Luke** we have the story of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, known by many as his manifesto of justice and peace. "I have come to bring good news to the poor" directly echoes the story of Moses' encounter with God in the flames of the burning bush, but here it is the Spirit of God, often imaged as tongues of fire that marks the transformative point of Jesus' ministry. Jesus does not say I have come to bring good news. He has come to bring *and to be* good news *for the poor*. It is God's Spirit in Jesus that brings hope and transformation to the poor and the oppressed. This is the good news for the poor we are called to live and to be and to proclaim, as followers of Christ.

We are all aware of our economic system and the impact it has on our lives, but do not always stop to reflect on whether the system is fair or not. It is easy to get caught up in our own worries and concerns, and be tempted to rein in our giving as individuals and churches to make sure that we look after our own. But in the UK, the gap between rich and poor is now greater than at any time in the last 40 years, and over 20% of people in the UK live in poverty. It is time to hear again the words of God's Spirit spoken from the burning bush, calling us to wake up, take notice and to be good news to the poor. It is time to kindle a flame and to become partners with God and one another in living lives of hope and transformation.

Take a moment to look at the objects on the table.

Iron forged out of tongues of fire.

Beautiful glass shaped by searing heat.

Pottery baked in a blazing furnace.

Transformation is possible and beautiful.

But it can also be painful and costly.

Are we willing to allow God to transform us,

So that through us God's world might be transformed?

Reflect on the poem, written by Ruth Harvey, which imagines her daughters as her burning bush and speaks of the inner transformation God seeks in us (see the prayers and hymns resource sheet).

The poem speaks of inner transformation inspired by a mother's love of her children, imaged here as the burning bush. Could God also speak to us from the experience of the poor and the marginalised? Could these voices from the margins be imaged as the burning bush who calls us to the inner transformation by which we are empowered to live God's justice in the world?

In the story from Exodus, Moses' life is transformed by his encounter with God in flames of fire, as he is forged into the leader that will face down a pharaoh and journey with a people away from a life of oppression and injustice. And in Luke's gospel it is the power of the Spirit which shapes Jesus' ministry to the poor and the socially excluded. And it is

the same Spirit which works in our hearts to transform our lives and fire us with God's passion for justice, bringing hope and good news to the poor.

respond to the word

Church Action on Poverty invites churches to become **Partners** by committing to hold a service on the theme of poverty and hold a fundraising event for Church Action on Poverty each year.

As individuals you may want to respond by signing up online to receive newsletters and email updates on how you can Give, Act and Pray. See www.church-poverty.org.uk/closethegap

Give – invites you to raise money to support grassroots work in deprived communities and to campaign nationally on issues of poverty and justice.

Act – invites you to take part in actions that will raise awareness of issues and lobby MPs and national policy-makers to work for a more just society.

Pray – invites you to consider how your journey of faith responds to God's call for justice for the poor, and asks to you pray for people who experience poverty and those who make decisions that affect the lives of those in our poorest communities.

Give

- Take up a collection to donate to Church Action on Poverty.
- Invite everyone to take a Church Action on Poverty leaflet home and think about giving regularly and pledging to Give, Act and Pray.
- Invite people to stay for coffee after the service, and hold a cake stall to raise money.
- Make gingerbread biscuits in circle shapes and decorate them with tubes of writing icing to create your own fairer world or anti-poverty message (you could sell these as part of the cake stall).
- Remember that if you ask for donations rather than charging, then most people can Gift Aid the donations. Donations Gift Aid forms are available at www.church-poverty.org.uk/kindleafame – or you can ask people to fill out their details for Gift Aid on the birthday cards.
- Look on the Church Action on Poverty website for more ideas for individual and community fundraising events.

Act

- Think about committing to a “Rich-Poor Church Partnership” by approaching another fairly local church, but in a different community or economic situation to yourselves. Twinning in this way brings together churches in a relationship marked by a genuine friendship, solidarity, and a desire to accompany each other's faith journeys. See www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/priority_areas/wider_church_and_society – follow the link to resources under ‘Twinning’.
- Commit to pay all church employees a Living Wage. Individuals could also be encouraged to raise this in their individual workplaces if appropriate. See www.church-poverty.org.uk/livingwage.
- Consider inviting your MP or local councillors to a birthday event or service and get to know them, while demonstrating that poverty is an issue you care about.
- Using red, white and black face paints, decorate faces with a candle design on one cheek (if doing this with children, ask permission from their parents or carers first). You could also use this as a fundraising activity by asking for donations for each candle painted.

Pray

- Hand out newspapers and ask people to cut or tear out a story about economics or about issues of poverty and justice in the UK or abroad. Ask people to read out a headline and then sing the Taizé chant, 'Kindle a flame'.
- Make or decorate candles to take home. Use the candle as a reminder to pray and kindle a flame throughout the week (see 'Planning').
- Set out some coloured nightlights around a larger lit candle on a heatproof tray or tray of sand. Invite people to name what they are going to do in response to what they have heard as they light a nightlight from the big candle. If you have made or decorated candles, you could use these.

Prayer of confession (you could choose one from the hymns and prayers section)

intercessions

Hymn (you could use 'Lord of our city, we bring you its pain' from the hymns and prayers section)

Intercessions/prayers for others (you could use 'Longing for Justice' intercessions from the hymns and prayers sheet)

send out

Hymn (you could use 'The Spirit speaks in tongues of flame' from the hymns and prayers sheet)

Blessing (you could use one of the blessings from the hymns and prayers section)



prayers and hymns

With grateful thanks to all writers who gifted us prayers, poems and hymns in celebration of our 30th birthday.

prayers and poems

Call to worship from the burning bush

This call to worship will need some preparation. Everyone who is able is asked to loosen their shoes, ready to take them off. Everyone needs to have sight of the words which they shall read, preferably on a large screen to free up hands. A large picture of a burning bush placed in a prominent place could be used as a visual aid, or even better a real bush with cardboard flames!

It is a good warm-up to rehearse things before actually reading through the call to worship. Ask your congregation to practice these actions:

- looking for the burning bush and pointing at it
- trembling knees
- listening carefully
- running quickly
- comforting someone
- breaking chains
- dancing around

Also practise the first four lines a few times to get them speaking loudly and enthusiastically. It would be good to have a few people well rehearsed at the front doing the actions to help lead people as it is read through.

Read at a slow pace, clearly, deliberately and loudly the leader sets the pace. The leader calls and does the corresponding actions, the congregation answer the call and copy the actions!

Leader: Can you spot a burning flame?
A fiery bush which calls your name?

All: Yes I can, yes I can see
that fiery bush which calls to me.

Leader: Can you make your feet shoe-free
and stand on ground with trembling knee?

All: Yes I can, yes I can take
my shoes off now with knees that quake.

Leader: Are you ready with ears to hear
the words of God that ring so clear?

All: Yes I can, yes I can hear
those words which God speaks in my ear.

Leader: Can your legs run quick and fast
bringing news of good that lasts?

All: Yes I can, yes I can run
and tell the world good news has come.

Leader: No longer will the people cry!
No longer will the people die!

All: I will comfort those who cry.
I will hope for those that die.

Leader: The slaves will one day be set free.
The sick will see their sickness flee.

All: I will break the chains that bind.
I will heal the sick and blind.

Leader: The lame will dance and jump with glee.
The deaf will hear, the blind shall see.

All: I will dance and jump around.
My ears and eyes see every sound.

Leader: Can you spot a burning flame?
A fiery bush which calls your name?

All: Yes I can, yes I can see
That fiery bush which calls to me.

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Being the change we want to see – opening prayer

These opening responses are possibly best led by three separate voices, from behind or from within the body of the congregation. Each piece should be spoken with the relevant passion, compassion, gentleness... How about asking your older children or young people to lead it?

One: “Hey,” says God the Creator,
“I’m speaking to you,
and I rarely beat about the bush
This world is beautiful, and lovely –
but too many people suffer.
I love you – but I don’t love the injustice.
So with and through you I’m going to transform the world.”

All: **Give us courage to join the journey**

One: “Yo”, says God the Son,
the brother, the companion,
“Journey with me here and now,
and together we stand beside
the hungry, the poor, the suffering.
I promise, I won’t let you down. I’ll be with you
now and for ever – for the long haul.”

All: **Give us courage to join the journey**

One: “Sshhhh” says God the Holy Spirit
“I am the stillness,
the small voice, the grain of sand,
the light that will never go out.
So come with me,
and together, with quiet, tender, partnering passion
we can ‘be the change we
want to see in the world.’”*

All: **Give us courage to join the journey**

*Mahatma Gandhi

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Kindle a flame in our hearts – opening prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor
So that we might receive the riches of eternal life.
As we draw close to you now
Kindle in our hearts a flame of love for our neighbour
That will give light to our whole community.

Poverty & Homelessness Action Week 2011

We adore you – opening prayer

Father of justice and mercy
we adore you

Jesus, our brother, born in a stable,
we adore you

Holy Spirit, father and mother of the poor,
turning our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh
we adore you

Holy God, we ask you to sanctify our worship,
that we may grow compassionate
and eager for justice.

Amen

Poverty & Homelessness Action Week 2009

Burning bush poem

Child
you are my burning bush.
Resting my eyes on you I see God
and the angels
swirling
whirling in around you.

Girl
you are my still small voice.
In your gentler pace
in your 'Go slower Mummy'
I hear the sound of God (and the angels)
listening in the spaces between us.

Babe
your footsteps are my holy ground.
Angels sing from your eyes, your lips,
through your giggle,
in your gently sleeping breath.

In my rushing,

I lose eye contact,
I dance a different dance.
I move too fast.

You are the sacred ground of my being.
Let us touch, skin to skin –
me, stripped naked of my shield of busyness -
let us dance an angel dance together.

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Litany of confession (for two voices and response)

Anointing God,

You have gifted us with good news
amazing good news, awesome good news
not just that you love the world very much;
but that you came
to share its life and hopes and dreams
and to take the weight of its hurt and harm and hopelessness
in Jesus – the ultimate good news.

Jesus, the living, breathing, walking about good news
eating, sleeping, laughing with his friends good news,
cross-bearing good news,
risen from the dead good news
living with us now and forever good news.

*Where we have failed to let your good news
overflow from our lives into the life of the world
leaving it to thrash about in its bad news,
forgive us and anoint us again with your Spirit
of generous, more-than-we-can-ever-imagine good news.*

Liberating God,

You have shouted out loud and clear
that keeping people locked up
in the ways which keep them poor and despairing
is an ugly, shameful offence to you.

You cry out at the top of your voice
that this will not do
declaring freedom for the bound ones,
and a tearing down of the shackling ways that lead to misery.

*Where we have failed to join our voices with yours;
where our self comfort and 'I'm all right Jack' attitude
has silenced our outrage,
forgive us and anoint us again with your Spirit
of courageous, risky, yelling-out good news!*

Healing God,

You have longed for the blind to see,
not half see with a half hope
that a faint outline and blurred shape
might in the end be good news.

Your longed-for sight is for full-on sight
so that we can see the world and its ways
in all its glory and shame
so that truth will be known and lies unmasked.

*Where we have failed to join our seeing with yours;
where we have left people in their blindness and sorrow,
unable to see this incredible world
or the wonderful person you made in them or in their neighbour,
forgive us and anoint us again with your Spirit
of restoring, beautiful, colour-filled, 20/20 good news!*

Favouring God,

Your vision is for a world that lives and loves
in such a way that everyone and everything
is thriving, prospering, at peace and fulfilled.

But we know that for much of the world
that vision is a long way off being known.

We have got used to the ways of war,



of profit being the only motive in business
of some people doing well when others are struggling
as just the way the world works.
and have too easily shrugged our shoulders
and joined in with the lie.

*Where we have failed to live as people who hope
where we have let our shoulders shrug with the rest
having forgotten your incredible vision for all creation
forgive us and anoint us again with your Spirit
of radical, against-the-stream,
there-really-is-more-to-life-than-this good news!*

**For the Spirit of the Lord is upon us,
because he has anointed us
to bring good news to the poor
He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.**

**Today, may this Scripture be fulfilled in your hearing.
Amen!**

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Forgive me Jesus – prayer of confession

Lord, you placed me in the world to be its salt.
I was afraid of committing myself,
Afraid of being stained by the world.
I did not want to hear what 'they' might say
And my salt dissolved as if in water.

Forgive me Jesus.

Lord, you placed me in the world to be its light.
I was afraid of the shadows,
Afraid of the poverty;
I did not want to know 'difficult' people
And my light slowly faded away.

Forgive me Jesus.

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Longing for justice intercessions

When we hear of cuts in jobs and services
rising prices, and increasing unemployment,
where the news is of hardship and recession,

**God of the fire and flame
hear the cry of your people
and kindle our longing for justice.**

Where people are imprisoned by debt,
by poor housing and run-down neighbourhoods,
where they are caught in the vicious cycle of poverty

**God of the fire and flame,
hear the cry of your people
and kindle our longing for justice.**

Where people are worn-down by ill-health,
ground down by lack of food and warmth,



where vision and hope are lost in the struggle for survival

**God of the fire and flame,
hear the cry of your people
and kindle our longing for justice.**

In the daily abuse from families and neighbours,
where communities become no-go areas of desolation
where division and exploitation oppress the poor,

**God of the fire and flame,
hear the cry of your people
and kindle our longing for justice.**

When we long for transformation
when we are called into partnership for change,
when we take the risk of prophetic action

**God of the fire and flame,
we hear the cry of your people,
and our hope is kindled
into working with you for justice. Amen**

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Walking the talk blessing

May God the maker bless you;
God who speaks words of freedom and justice,
God who walks what he talks for ever.
May God bless you, with hope. **Amen**

May Jesus the teacher bless you;
Jesus who speaks of Good news for poor people,
Jesus who talks and does the business.
May Jesus bless you, with truth. **Amen**

May God the Holy Spirit bless you;
the Holy Spirit who speaks in fire and stillness,
the Holy Spirit who dances what she announces.
may the Holy Spirit bless you, with joy. **Amen**

May you walk and talk with God
who loves you forever,
every step of your journey
every moment of your life. **Amen**

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Dare to dream

To the tune 'Woodlands' ('Tell out, my soul')

We're not alone! God speaks and helps us know:
God sees all people's pain and hears their cries.
Through burning bush, God tells us we should go,
like Moses, go and help the slaves arise!

But who are we to hope we might be heard,
and dare to dream that slavery still could end?
We're not alone! So do not be deterred:
God says, 'I will be with you as your friend.'

We're not alone! God's Spirit gives us power
to bring good news to those in poverty.
Through prophecy, God says this very hour
like Jesus we've the word of liberty!

But who are we to think we understand
and dare to dream the system could be fair?
We're not alone! God's Spirit is at hand
to help us help each other truly share.

We're not alone! The Spirit's dancing flames
transform us so we strive as dreamers must.
Through burning bush and prophet, God proclaims
we're called to make a world that is more just!

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Lord of our city, we bring you its pain

To the tune 'Slane' ('Be thou my vision')

Lord of our city, we bring you its pain
The muggings, the dole queues, the lift's bust again
The fear of each stranger and nowhere to play
The waiting for buses at the start of the day.

Lord of our homeless, we bring you their cry
The waiting on promises, pie in the sky.
The red tape and questions and sent on their way.
The sense of frustration at the noon of the day.

Lord of all races, all colours of skin
Please make us fight racism, help us begin
To see how our prejudice colours the way
We treat friends and neighbours at the end of the day.

Lord of our whole lives, we bring them to you
We're powerless, defeated till you make us new,
Then powered by your Spirit, we go on once more
With news of your wholeness, Good News for the poor.

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The Spirit speaks in tongues of flame

To the tune 'Sussex Carol'

The Spirit speaks in tongues of flame
that offer hope in darkest night,
sets thought and language running free
like sparks in tinder catching light.
Come Holy Spirit, dancing fire.
Kindle in us your heart's desire.

And Jesus drew the Spirit's breath
To shake the values of his day.
He sat at table with the poor –
The rich and mighty stayed away.
Come Jesus, come in burning rage.
Speak your good news to every age.

For God is known in blazing fire
that sparks the power of prophet's word
a call to act on poverty –
a call that must not go unheard.
Come God of justice, God of might
By your word, set our world alight.

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Other suggestions for hymns and songs

- Kindle a flame (Taizé)
- Ubi caritas (Taizé)
- Christ be our light/Longing for light
- Thuma Mina (*Common Ground* or *Wild Goose*)
- Brother, sister, let me serve you
- Abundant life (*Common Ground*)
- Sent by the Lord am I (*Common Ground*)
- Heaven shall not wait (*Wild Goose*)
- Jesus Christ is waiting (*Wild Goose*)
- Till all the jails are empty (*Common Ground* or *Wild Goose*)
- I the Lord of sea and sky
- It was raining down in Memphis / Light a candle
- When I needed a neighbour
- Beauty for brokenness
- Inspired by love and anger (*Wild Goose*)
- We bring our broken world (*Common Ground*)
- This we shall do (*Wild Goose*)
- Show your face (*Wild Goose* – EOA)
- God of freedom, God of justice

Suggestions for hymns and songs suitable for children

- When the winter day is dying / Candle in the window (*Come and Praise*)
- Go tell it on the mountain (*Come and Praise*)
- When I needed a neighbour (*Come and Praise*)
- Cross over the road (*Come and Praise*)
- In the bustle of the city (*Come and Praise*)
- Always remember, never forget (*Big Blue Planet*)
- Caring, sharing (*Big Blue Planet*)
- Think, think on these things (*Big Blue Planet*)
- God's Spirit is in my heart (*Really Good Songs*)
- The voice from the bush (*Really Good Songs*)
- Jesus went out of his way (*Really Good Songs*)