

Here is a list of useful resources for individuals and churches.

Economic

In the current economic climate there will be many people who will struggle to keep their heads above water financially. This is an opportunity to show God's love to those people and serve our community by pointing them to people who can help.

The Evangelical Alliance have launched a new website with lots of links to organisations that can help churches think practically and biblically about responding to the credit crunch

Life beyond debt <http://www.eauk.org/lifebeyonddebt/>

Stewardship Services have set up a campaign called Red2Black to help churches deal with people in debt. There are a number of different free resources, telephone numbers for free Christian debt counselling and much more really good website.

Red2Black <http://www.red2black.org.uk/smartweb/Main/About%20Us>

Christians Against Poverty are an evangelistic organisation that help get people out of debt. They offer a top quality debt counselling service and are based over in Bradford although they do have an office in Halifax and a telephone helpline.

The local office is Christians Against Poverty, 5 St James Street, HX1 5SU
Adele Coll - 01422 329444 / www.caphalifax.org.uk

National website <http://www.capuk.org/home/index.php>

The **Credit Union** has been operating in Todmorden for a while. Currently there is a collection point at Central Methodist Church on Saturday mornings, but they are hoping to expand their activities during the week in the very near future.

Tel. 01422 393106 National Website: <http://www.abcuk.coop/page/index.cfm>

Environment

Incredible Edible Tod have offered to partner with any church that would like to start growing food on their land. This is a fantastic local initiative which is well worth supporting. IET have offered us Fruit trees and fruit bushes, the use of tools, planks for making raised beds and a big planter if we would like it.

Find out more contact Mary Clear at iet_hothouse@btinternet.com or check out www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/

Eco congregations is a website setup to help churches be greener it is a great website with fantastic free resources to download. These downloads include a green audit for your church, biblical and theological material that can be used for sermons, youth and children's activities and much more. Great resources that get you thinking about energy saving, recycling, using green spaces, fairtrade etc.

Eco congregations <http://ew.ecocongregation.org/>

Fairtrade

Fairtrade Fortnight is the 23rd Feb- 8th March there are a number of different resources to download including quizzes and materials for sermons. As well as help for your church becoming a fair trade church (application form is at http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get_involved/campaigns/fairtrade_places_of_worship/fairtrade_churches/default.aspx)

Fairtrade's main site is www.fairtrade.org.uk

Older people

Churches Together have just partnered with **OAK** a charity that provides activities and courses for the over fifties here in Todmorden

Website: www.oaktodmorden.org.uk/

U3A or University of the Third Age also run a large number of activities, interest groups and courses, many of which use our church buildings.

Website www.u3atod.org.uk

Young people

X:site is a bi-monthly children's event for 7-11 year olds held in Halifax. Supported by scripture union the event is lively and messy with worship teaching games and crafts (and leaders getting gunked). The next planned events are Mar 7th, May 16th, July 11th 6-8pm, £2.50 at the King's centre, Park road, Halifax.

Website www.xsiteuk.org, email Calderdale@xsiteuk.org

Soul Survivor is a massive Christian 5 day youth event. A group is going from Roomfield/Lumbutts and if any other 14-19 year olds and youth leaders would like to join us you are more than welcome. We are going 17th -22nd Aug to Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Contact Dave Barker 07801 864199 if you are interested.