**Poverty, Debt and hunger**

Panel for Social Responsibility Contacts:

Food poverty – Sian Rigby

Fair finance – Alison Adams

**Fair Finance Initiative**

A priority area for the diocese is brokering dialogue across stakeholders to develop joint strategies concerning financial inclusion and fair finance. A Fair Finance Task Group has been set up for the city and county of Leicester, which is now linking in with the Resilience and Recovery Forum.

**Local Organisations**

[FareShare](https://fareshare.org.uk/) **FareShare East Midlands is a major food distributor to foodbanks and other food outlets, liaising with supermarkets and other sources of bulk food.**

[Trinity Money Advice](http://www.trinitymoneyadvice.org.uk/) Holy Trinity Church, Leicester

[Clockwise credit union](http://www.clockwise.coop/Home) Headquarters in Leicester City Centre, works online and over the phone with local drop in activity in some other places.

[Christians Against Poverty.](https://capuk.org/) The local HQ and Debt Advice Centre is at All Nations Church, Leicester. A job club operates at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, CAP money courses at Coalville, Birstall, Narborough, Ashby, Oadby and Newbold Verdon. Contact details for all of these are on the CAP website.

[Helping Hands](http://www.helpinghandsadvice.co.uk/) One-stop advice centre operating in South Wigston, Oadby and Wigston Magna.

[Community Advice and Law Service](http://www.cals.uk.net/)  Formerly Leicester Money Advice. Free service operating in the city of Leicester.

[Step Change Debt Charity](http://www.stepchange.org/Howwecanhelpyou/Debtadvice/Localdebthelp/DebthelpguideLeicester.aspx) A national organisation offering online and phone advice. Also contact details of local organisations.

[Melton and District Money Advice Centre](https://www.communitymoneyadvice.com/centre/melton-and-district-money-advice-centre) Part of the Community Money Advice national network.

[Money Matters](https://www.moneymattersleicester.org/) In Leicester City Centre offering debt advice and other support.

**Local information**

Leicester City Council’s [Child Poverty Commission report.](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/performance-inspections-and-reports/leicester-child-poverty-commission/)

Most Councils have advice on where to turn for financial advice, if you are in crisis with rent, Council Tax and the like. Check out their websites.

**National Organisations**

Save the Children reports on [Severe Child Poverty](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/resources/online-library/policy-brief-measuring-severe-child-poverty-uk) in the UK

[End Child Poverty Campaign](http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/) has useful information on website.

[Money advice service](https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/) is a website for individual use.

[Christians Against Poverty](https://capuk.org/) runs debt advice centres and job clubs (usually in Churches) and offer a course on personal finances and training to help people act as coaches.

[Find your credit union](http://www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk/home) allows you to search by location and also explains about credit unions.

[Your faith, your finance](http://www.yourfaithyourfinance.org/) is a very comprehensive site giving practical information and making theological links. Also has suggestions for group discussions and action. Comes from the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (ECCR) and Quaker Peace & Social Witness.**Courses**

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[A one-off talk on money](http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/062_Seeing-Change-Money-Talk.pdf) either for church members or more widely as a community event.

[A three week study course on the financial crisis](http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Guide.pdf) from the Church Urban Fund.

Sian Rigby is able to assist in offering the tried and tested Just Finance Foundation courses around personal financial management and education. Contact her directly for more information.