**Poverty, Debt and hunger**

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**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](mailto:sian.rigby@leccofe.org) for more information.