Play Video 1

A: B, what's this all about, who is CUK?

B: This is about encouraging people to use their vote and to increase and enhance our democracy. Leicester Diocese is a major member of Citizens UK a nationwide community organising charity – that encourages communities to make changes for the better in our society. This is a campaign that's Diocesan - wide to encourage everyone to register to vote, to get their voter ID and to actually use their vote.

A: Who can vote in UK?

B:

- A British citizen.
- An Irish or EU citizen living in the UK.
- A Commonwealth citizen who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission.
- A citizen of another country living in Scotland or Wales who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission.
- And over 18 years old.

A: Why bother to vote?

B: You might feel like your vote won't make a difference, but every vote <u>does</u> count.

A: This is about justice - because when we vote we are choosing which candidate matches our values. As someone said on the video:

choose the party that is caring, generosity, fairness and truth are important to us as Christians.

B: Micah 6:8 what the Lord requires of us - act justly

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A: At the end of this service there's a few things we want you to do:

B: If you're not registered or not sure if you are registered look at <u>https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</u> (esp. important if you've changed your address, say in the last 10 years so students for example are often disenfranchised if they're not aware of this rule)

A: What is all this about Voter ID?

B: Only certain types of ID are acceptable (such as passport, drivers' licence) when you go to vote, so if you want to check what these are, or what you can do if you haven't got them go to
https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate to help you apply for a voter authority certificate if you need one.

A:

The videos are on the Diocesan Facebook Page – please share them!

And last but not least, we've made lovely **badges** for anyone who would like one. Please wear them with pride and hopefully start a chat with someone about voter reg and voter ID.

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