

# Money doing good

Good Money Week  
19–25 October 2014

Helping you consider sustainable and ethical options for your savings, investments and financial products

## Invest ethically. Make a difference

Churches, charities, and people of faith were the first to take account of ethical criteria when making investment decisions. For much of the twentieth century, faith groups used their power as investors to address such issues as unfair labour practices, apartheid in South Africa, and arms trading.

Sustainable or ethical investing means that managers of pension schemes and investment funds are obliged to take social, environmental and/or ethical considerations into account.

There are also ethical products for banking, ISAs, pensions, insurance and even mortgages.

YOU CAN CHOOSE ETHICAL INVESTMENTS TO


  
FIT YOUR RELIGIOUS BELIEF


  
INFLUENCE COMPANIES' BEHAVIOUR  
Through pro-active engagement


  
MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT  
i.e. social enterprises, microfinance, forestry or agriculture

UK ETHICAL INVESTING IS ROOTED IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY

## What you and your church can do

The denomination or church organisation that you belong to is likely to have considerable investments through pension funds or other assets.

For example, members of the **CIG\*** manage combined assets of over £15bn and use responsible and/or ethical policies to guide their investment decisions. Recent academic assessment of **engagement** has proved that Church investors are raising the operating standards of companies across the UK market.



**ECCR**  
Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility  
Works toward economic justice, environmental stewardship and investor responsibility. Check out [www.yourfaithyourfinance.org](http://www.yourfaithyourfinance.org) – a place to explore ethical and spiritual issues around the use of money



**CIG**  
Church Investors Group  
A group of 53 investors, predominantly connected with the Churches of Britain and Ireland, who believe it will serve to increase the witness and influence of the Church in society if their investment portfolios reflect the moral stance and teachings of the Christian faith

Your church can join the pilot project for **Ethical Money Churches** – an exciting new initiative from **ECCR\*** which works with Church groups to promote Christian stewardship of financial resources and provide opportunities for sharing and learning about the ethical use of money and what it means to be an 'Ethical Money Church'.

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## How to invest ethically

**BASIC INFORMATION**

**GOOD MONEY WEEK**  
[goodmoneyweek.com](http://goodmoneyweek.com)  
Has a range of resources such as case studies and useful links to get you started with sustainable and ethical investment.

**Your Ethical Money**  
[yourethicalmoney.org](http://yourethicalmoney.org)  
Provides information on ethical banking, investments and ISAs, pensions, and insurance.

**OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

**READY TO INVEST**

**Ethical Investment Association**  
[ethicalinvestment.org.uk](http://ethicalinvestment.org.uk)  
To invest a large amount of money, we suggest you contact a financial adviser experienced in sustainable and ethical investments for assistance. A list of these advisers can be found on the EIA website.

**ShareAction**  
[shareaction.org](http://shareaction.org)  
Encourage your pension provider through Share Action's website. It allows you to send an automated letter to your provider asking for details on the steps they have taken in regards to the environment.

**CHECK YOUR PENSION**

**SET A THEME FOR YOUR SERMON**

Make ethical investment a key theme in your service on Sunday 19 October

[stpaulsinstitute.org.uk](http://stpaulsinstitute.org.uk)  
[uksif.org](http://uksif.org)  
[eccr.org.uk](http://eccr.org.uk)  
**LINKS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR GOOD MONEY WEEK**

Prayerful support is important for those involved in promoting Christian values in corporate behaviour

## How to get involved

**HOLD A MEETING OR EVENT**  
St Paul's Institute, ECCR and UKSIF have recommendations for speakers on ethical investments

DOWNLOAD

**Ethical Investment Worship Resources**  
For prayers, reflections, sermon outlines and suitable Bible readings.



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Pray for wisdom and justice in the use of money

**H**oly Spirit, Counsellor and Friend, grant me the wisdom to choose as you would at the supermarket, in the bank, in the travel agents, on the high street and at my computer.

Holy Spirit, Counsellor and Friend, grant me the wisdom to choose as you lead which supermarket, which bank, which investments, which, if any holiday, shop, or purchase I make.

Holy Spirit, Counsellor and Friend, grant me strength as I wrestle with competing priorities – buying fairly priced products; spending less so I have more to give; reducing my impact on the environment and remind me that what you ask for is a simply a heart that chooses you.

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**W**e wonder about your justice, God of all integrity.

We hunger for it to flow, to sweep away unjust laws and practices. We yearn for it to fill us up, to swell our half-hearted attempts at fair trade and ethical investment.

Worried by rates and taxes, troubled by reports of global warming, we struggle to share even an umbrella as soft rain falls.

Flow on, just God. Carry us to that ocean of righteousness, that springs up eternally.

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United Reformed Church

**J**esus, our Light and Lord who preached in terms financiers use and taught we should give to this world's powers their due, you drove traders from your Father's house and revealed how hard Heaven's access is to those who prosper; give us your eyes to see the human faces of worldly wealth and poverty, and make yours our management of their complexities so that those among us who buy and sell, labour and invest, may do so only in your just and loving name, and always to your Father's glory and the welfare of all people in this land and right across the world.

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**F**ather God, Lord of the just scales and the fair measure, I ask your forgiveness for those times when I have added to the burden of the poor. When I have chosen profit above principle. Forgive me.

When, as a church, we have rated the value of our investments above the demands of justice. Forgive us.

When, as a nation, we have used power and prestige to win advantage over countries that are poorer, weaker and lacking our resource. Forgive us.

I confess the ways we have failed to match our lives to your commands. Trusting in your forgiveness, I commit myself once again to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before you.

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