Women in the Shadows Lent Course Resources

*From Bishop Alastair Redfern, Chair of the Clewer Initiative:*

I am writing to let you know about ‘Women in the Shadows,’ the new Lent Course we are launching. We believe it has the potential to convey to a new audience the horrors of modern slavery and its devastating impact on victims.

The focus of the course is how women and girls can become trapped in sexual exploitation, forced labour and county lines drug smuggling and what life is like for them beyond slavery. It also explores how we can support victims as they recover from the trauma and build resilient communities where modern slavery is noticed and cannot thrive.

At the heart of the course are 5 short films which include haunting survivor stories and compelling interviews with 10 people who work on the frontlines. The devotional material, which has been written by a range of clergy friends who are all deeply committed to combating modern slavery in their dioceses, will help participants process, reflect and apply the lessons from the films to their own context.

The material is designed to be used by individuals, groups, churches and community partners. Clips can be shown in public and online worship.

You can watch the films and download the material now at [www.theclewerinitiative.org/womenintheshadows](http://www.theclewerinitiative.org/womenintheshadows)

Would you be willing to let your colleagues and networks know about the course?

Could we ask you to share our tweets on your social media channels?

It is so important that we raise awareness of the suffering of marginalised women in the UK and we pray that through this course and season of Lent, we may be able to reach more people with this important message.

Blessings,

*Alastair*