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## Ad Clerum: Food and Fuel

The Church in Wales is leading a campaign across Wales to draw attention to the cost-of-living crisis we face. In addition to engaging with companies and Welsh government, the church is wanting to be practitioners of generosity as well as advocates.

The bishops are supporting an initiative to accompany this campaign in which we create 'A gift for Christmas' which is a box full of toiletries only (shower gel, sprays, sanitary products etc). We do not wish to prescribe what each box contains nor how large the box but are simply wishing to commend the idea.

Our hope is that every congregation will participate and produce at least 10 boxes. This will be a formidable challenge for some and for others they may be able to produce many more. Our suggestion is that we make these gifts available towards the end of November.

You may wish to arrange the distribution of the boxes yourself. Alternatively, a local food bank or another source might be able and willing to assist. Each diocese is responsible for the way this distribution is taking place.

May I thank you for your willingness to think of others during this period which is likely to be challenging.

Your generosity will be appreciated by others and also by the bishops of the Church in Wales.