

# Who Counts?

Saturday 29 January – Sunday 6 February 2011



poverty &  
homelessness  
action week

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# Who counts?

There is going to be a census of the population in 2011, as there is every 10 years. The census will try to list all of the people who live in the country – but chances are there are many it won't include – such as the 'hidden homeless' and destitute asylum-seekers.

God's own son was born into poverty in a stable, in the year of a great census. Will this census recognise the exclusion many experience, or will it reflect just the world's material values – values of success, looks and celebrity?

Scripture tells us that in God's kingdom, "the least shall be the first". Does the way we live bear witness to this truth? Are we living in true solidarity with people who are poor, homeless and excluded?


## Raise your voice and make sure that everyone is counted!

- Follow the Action Week **prayer calendar** online or in print
- Mark **Homelessness Sunday** (30 January) or **Poverty Action Sunday** (6 February) with a special church service
- Explore the theme with **children and young people**
- **Raise funds** for vital projects and campaigns

Use this form to order resources to help you plan activities. All resources can also be downloaded **free** at the website.

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## About the 2011 census



The census has important implications for policies and public education, housing and health. But many excluded people – such as those with multiple occupation, the hidden homeless and people without a fixed address – were undercounted in the last census.

Churches are often more in touch than statutory bodies and councils with people who are excluded and living on the margins. Churches can help ensure that those experiencing poverty and homelessness are included in the census and their voices are heard. Are we up to the task?

To get involved, visit [www.actionweek.org.uk](http://www.actionweek.org.uk)

Who counts in society?

Who does the counting?

Who decides who is included and who is excluded?

Who has a voice?

Whom do we value and why?

Who counts in God's eyes?

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# Order form

Remember, you can download all these resources free at [www.actionweek.org.uk](http://www.actionweek.org.uk)!

Please send me the following materials for Poverty & Homelessness Action Week 2011:

Bumper packs @ £20  
(worship guide, event guide, young people's guide, 50 prayer calendars, five posters)

Standard packs @ £10  
(worship guide, event guide, young people's guide)

Worship guides @ £2.50  
(includes service outlines for Homelessness Sunday and Poverty Action Sunday)

Packs of 50 prayer calendars @ £5.50

Packs of five A3 posters @ £3.50

Single A3 posters @ £1.00

Total cost of resources: £

I enclose a donation of £   
for the organisers of Action Week.

I am a UK tax-payer and would like the Action Week partnership to treat my donations as Gift Aid.

(If you tick this box we can claim an extra £2.82 for every £10 you donate. You must pay income tax or capital gains tax sufficient to cover the amount we reclaim.)

Total amount enclosed: £

Please choose a payment option overleaf.

Please note that some resources may not be available until October 2010, and allow 14 days for delivery.

# Order form

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