



Chaplaincy Prayer Letter

Summer 2022

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Psalm 118:24

Some days are bright and sunny, like today as I write which is the Summer Solstice, other days are damp and chilly, like Saturday for the One Church programme in Eastrop Park. Our moods often reflect the weather or are in response to the joys and stresses of life. But life under a loving God is worth celebrating, and each day can be used to support others.

The Chaplaincy thanked Alan Casebow for his 12 years of service as a chaplain and the Basingstoke Gazette wrote up an interview with him which can be seen here:

<https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/20209791.basingstoke-chaplain-stepping-position-12-years/>

He has been an encouragement to us and visited the Age Concern café each week until Covid came along.

We are in the final stages of training 3 more chaplains who will be wonderful additions to our team. Erioluwa, Adeleke and Odunola are members of Praise Embassy church and want to bring God's love to others. We are continuing to look for more chaplains so that we can better meet people who want to talk to us; we are being invited to places but have no one to go.

We are getting better known around the town through our presence in the streets, our attendance at different events and also from newspaper articles.

We particularly value your prayer support and that of churches. We continue to seek closer links with churches so that we can encourage some people to return to their former faith and church attendance. Being able to refer them to a contact in a suitable church makes all the difference.

Thank you for your support and prayers; we value your journey with us.

John

John Hayward

Chair of Trustees



Above: John presenting a leaving gift to long-serving Chaplain Alan

Below: Pam with Her Majesty the Queen and the lovely staff at Willows Tearoom

Bottom: Shelagh with a prospective Chaplain, Adeleke, and a butler serving tea



Prayer Points

Your prayers are valued for:

1. Tricia, Pam, Martha, Judith, Mary, Malcolm and Shelagh building trusting relationships with shop workers through regular visiting. Pray for wisdom to provide good support.
2. Tim, Shelagh, Pam and Eric engaging with people attending Court, whose unwise choices have often resulted from their own difficult circumstances.
3. The police and Court staff who face challenging emotional issues and circumstances in their daily work; and our chaplain Peter who, with others, needs particular sensitivity in supporting the police.

4. Both Malcolms, chaplains at the bus station, and for the links with chaplains at other bus stations.
5. Our new chaplains, their training and the recruitment others.
6. The financial generosity of our supporters enabling this mission to continue.
7. People who have asked for our prayers in confidence because of troubles, illness or relationship problems.
8. Those seeking God, that they will find in Jesus Christ the Saviour and friend they need.



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