

PASTORAL TEAM REPORT FOR CHRIST CHURCH APCC 24.4. 2022

Lockdown and slow removal of restrictions has made some aspects of pastoral care difficult so firstly and most importantly, I want to thank everyone in our church family for keeping the heartbeat of pastoral care alive in our church over the past two years.

The various branches of pastoral care have restarted at different times.

Dementia friends meet on the first Thursday of every month between 11am and 1pm in the Jubilee room for support, tea and cake. If you know of anyone who is caring for someone with dementia and would like to know more, please contact Tom Harnett.

Place of welcome restarted last year and has been well attended since. It's held every Tuesday between 1.30pm and 3.30pm in the Jubilee room. Again, if you know of anyone who would enjoy an afternoon of cheerful chatter, tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits, please suggest Place of Welcome.

Home communions restarted January and we currently take communion to seven homes. It was decided at the last pastoral team meeting that to protect vulnerable people now that all covid restrictions have been removed, we would ask the communicant if they were happy for us to enter their home without having a flow test or wearing a mask. Also, if the communion taker/visitor shows cold/covid symptoms before or on the day, they should endeavour to find a replacement or cancel.

As most pastoral contact is with those who are vulnerable through illness or age, it was agreed to keep to 'phone calls only until the outcome of total withdrawal of covid restrictions is known and it is hoped to review the 'phone network for any who are no longer able to attend church.

Many thanks to all members of the pastoral team who have steadfastly and quietly given their time and care over the past two years and continue to do so.

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