

PASTORAL CARE and HEALING



at St Edmund's Church

Sharing God's Generous Love

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Pastoral Care Team

As Christians we all try to care for each other and those around us. However for any pastoral need please feel free to speak to the clergy or one of our Pastoral Care Team, who are available to listen, support or help sensitively and, where appropriate, confidentially.

(Details are at the back of church).

Prayer Support

If you would like us to pray for a person or issue you can ask for a name to be added to the notice sheet; or use the prayer request box on the welcome table at the back of church; the Prayer Circle offers confidential prayer support (details are at the back of church); or you can speak to the clergy or churchwardens.

Lifts to Church

If you have difficulty getting to church please contact a member of the warden's team.

Home Communion

If you, or someone you know, are housebound we have a team of people, clergy and lay, who take communion to people in their own homes, or to residential or nursing homes in the parish. Please get in touch with the clergy or churchwardens.

Bereavement

We have a small but dedicated team of people who offer support to people following the death of a loved one. A memorial service is held each autumn to remember and give thanks for those we love who have died. You can also ask for a loved one to be remembered in the prayers around the anniversary of their death. (See the prayer request box on the welcome table at the back of church.)

Healing ministry within church services

There are regular opportunities (usually monthly) during our worship (at 8.00am, 10.00am and on Wednesday), to receive prayer for healing. You may do so for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a situation in the world.

If you wish to receive this prayer, please remain at the altar rail for a few moments after you have received either the communion or a blessing. If you do not wish to receive this prayer please simply return to your seat.

The prayer has three elements:

- anointing with a cross in oil on the forehead (a sign of healing through Christ)
- the laying on of hands (a sign of God's healing touch)
- a simple spoken prayer:

*God to enfold you;
Christ to touch you;
the Spirit to surround you.*

*Spirit of the living God, present with us now,
enter you, body, mind and spirit
and heal you of all that harms you. Amen.*

We hope and pray that God will bless you through this ministry.

The healing ministry

The ministry of healing carries on the work of our Lord Jesus. Wholeness is God's ultimate will for us all.

We need wholeness in every part of our lives: in our bodies, emotions, memories and thoughts, in our relationships, our community and the world around us. It also involves our relationship with God.

Suffering comes to us all and we may not be able to understand it or escape it in this life. As Christians, we believe that because Jesus suffered so much, he understands what we are going through. He also shows us that we can find some inner wholeness even in the midst of our sufferings.

However, some form of healing, support and strengthening is often possible and it comes about in many ways: through the medical and caring professions, counsellors, friends and family.

At St Edmund's we try to carry on Christ's healing work through our care for each other, listening to and supporting each other, and especially through prayer.

Healing may also involve finding forgiveness and freedom from the burden of past sins. If this is an issue for you please feel free to talk in confidence with the clergy.

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