

PRAYER

As more people return to work whilst others, having been furloughed, now face redundancy. . . .

Dear Lord

In these times of fear and uncertainty, we pray for those who are anxious as they return to work. Calm their fears and keep them safe.

We give thanks for those essential workers who have supported us despite their own fears. We pray sustain them.

And for those with no work, we pray that you would strengthen them to cope with the situation in which they now find themselves.

Amen

Resuming Chaplaincy



Plans are well advanced to support the resumption of face to face chaplaincy. We have obtained supplies of hand gel and face coverings

and will be undertaking risk assessments and delivering online training in the next few weeks.

Most FWW chaplains visit those working in shops. As high streets, shopping malls and markets begin to re-open we aim to be there for those returning to work. Please pray for chaplains as they resume visiting. See posts on our website, facebook and twitter accounts for updates.



Development Plan, Phase II (2021 - 2023)

Phase I of the Development Plan saw FWW support more than 40 volunteer workplace chaplains in 6 local teams, offering chaplaincy ministry, mainly in the retail sector. Additionally, FWW has adopted a new constitution, employed two part-time staff, secured financial support, and recently has measured the effectiveness of its chaplaincy by conducting an Impact Survey.

It is now time to set out the plan for the Development Plan Phase II. Along with uncertainties concerning the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are two further major factors - Brexit and the Climate Emergency to be considered. These factors will have a significant impact on economic life and present both an immense challenge and opportunity to the Church's mission within the context of the economy.

Where we want to be and how we will get there.

In order to respond to this challenge and opportunity FWW has set the following objectives:

- To grow the network of partner organisations – churches and workplaces – and individuals to engage in this mission in the economy by support through prayer; being active through chaplaincy and debate; and funding through a new 'Supporters of FWW' network.
- Tell the story of chaplaincy and the economy more effectively by increasing staff time devoted to communicating with our network and partners, and the wider church and community, both corporate and individual.
- Build better and new links with workplaces and business partners to secure opportunities for chaplaincy and other programmes, as well as financial support, through dedicated Business Partnership Volunteers recruited from the business world.
- Develop our expertise, to the highest standards, in working with volunteers as an essential foundation of sustaining and continuing our work.

The Plan will be delivered largely by volunteers, but also includes an increase in staff resources which are needed to provide necessary training, support, administration and communication. The planned budget has been increased to reflect this. We aim to raise this through grants from denominational partners and other charities, donations from business partners and fund raising by the 'Supporters of FWW' network.

The full Development Plan may be read here: <https://www.faithatwork.org.uk/about-us/devplan-phase-ii/>

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