

May God bring you His peace and His love

'It has been a very different year' has become almost a cliché, but there is no other way of saying it. It has been different and, at times, a real challenge, personally and in terms of Faith at Work in Worcestershire. We have had to be patient, and visiting has not been possible for long periods. It has been much more difficult though for those we seek to support and engage with in the businesses and workplaces we visit. For many, COVID has had a catastrophic impact – even to the extent of their job disappearing.

It is ironic that, just at a time when we can't go, people might have greatest need for a chaplain, an empathetic listening ear. Which is one reason why we are determined to carry on and be in touch with those places and people we visit. But another reason is at the heart of this Advent and Christmas season – that our ministry seeks to bring the light of Christ into the darkness of this world, and the lives of those we meet. That is our vocation.

And there are signs of hope with the roll out of vaccinations that 2021 will make chaplaincy and meeting workers in their places of work easier as the year unfolds. To be ready for this we are planning to run a training course for anyone who might be interested in taking up the ministry of workplace chaplaincy. This will be on Wednesday afternoons, via Zoom, starting on February 17th – Ash Wednesday – and running through Lent. As a taster and first step for anyone who wants to know more, we are running a '**Discover Chaplaincy**' event on **Tuesday January 26th, at 7.00 pm**, also on Zoom.

Please think now who you could encourage to attend – from your own church or another in your area. The sign-up link is below. **We need you to spread the word!**

And, though this will be a very different Christmas, may God who comes to us in Christ – Emmanuel – bring you his peace and care and love.

The **DISCOVER CHAPLAINCY** event, **Tuesday January 26th, 7.00 – 8.30 pm**. To book a place sign up via [Eventbrite-discovering-workplace-chaplaincy](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovering-workplace-chaplaincy)

The **INTRODUCTION TO WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY COURSE**, Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. starting February 17th until March 24th. To book a place contact Dick on dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk or ring 07946 655450.



NEXT REGULAR ONLINE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

will be Wednesday 6th January 1:00pm - 1:30pm to be held via Zoom. Please email comms@faithatwork.org.uk if you would like to join in and we will send you a link. If you do not do Zoom, but still want to join in prayer, please get in touch so that we can send you the prayers by email or in the post, or find them on our prayer portal at <https://www.faihatwork.org.uk/prayer/>

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