

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING FOR MARCH

Wednesday 4th March

1:00pm - 1:30pm

to be held via Zoom.

You can find the prayer guide on our prayer portal at

<https://www.faithatwork.org.uk/prayer/>

INTRODUCTION TO WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY TRAINING

We are thrilled to have 16 people attending our new course. Most are from Worcestershire, but we also have 5 from a pioneering initiative of Churches in Bracknell, who are keen to follow our FWW model in order to set up a town centre chaplaincy team in their own area.

We ask for your prayers; for Dick as he leads the course, and for all attending as they use this training to explore whether they are being called to this ministry. It is so encouraging that, as a result, we may have more trained chaplains ready to offer support to those at work across the county.

The Road Ahead

At long last there is a real prospect of an easing of restrictions. We thought the same at the end of last summer. But this time, with the vaccination programme advancing, perhaps there will be no false dawn. For Faith at Work in Worcestershire very little chaplaincy is possible at the moment, but we are well placed to meet the challenges the rest of the year brings.

- ❖ Firstly, we have just started a 6 week training course with a record number of participants (see below). That bodes well for the future.
- ❖ We also have clear guidance and training in place for all current chaplains as lockdown ends to enable those who plan to return to re-start chaplaincy as soon as it is possible. If you are one of those chaplains and are wondering about your next steps, please get in touch.
- ❖ We are also busy trying to build links with new businesses. In recent years FWW chaplains have mostly been visiting in the retail sector. We want to broaden this and have been following a number of strategies, even during lockdown. This includes searching for new volunteers with experience of business who can help us build these new links. Read more about our aim to recruit Business Partnership Volunteers below.
- ❖ But we have also be using our membership of the Chamber of Commerce to meet fellow members through online networking events. So far this has been undertaken by Dick. If you would be interested to take part and fly the flag for FWW in this way, please get in touch.

Our aim, by the end of the year, is to have more chaplains, visiting more numbers and types of workplaces. Please help us realise this vision. We need your financial support – would you or your church consider making a regular donation to support FWW (follow the give.net link below) - and above all your prayer support. Explore our website Prayer Portal and join our monthly prayer meetings (see above left).



Help us recruit one or more **Business Partnership Volunteers**.

We started this process as we re-entered lockdown and have not yet been successful in finding anyone. This is a key new role in the development and expansion of workplace chaplaincy in Worcestershire.

The purpose is to make links with businesses and organisations on behalf of FWW in order to promote chaplaincy, but also explore other ways to connect with the world of business. We are particularly keen to broaden our links with the manufacturing sector.

We are looking for people with experience in business, who understand the culture and challenge of the modern workplace, and perhaps already have links and contacts. Someone recently retired would be ideal, who could volunteer for a half day or more per week.

Is this you, or do you know someone who might be interested? If so please follow this link to a task profile and details of how to get in touch:

www.faithatwork.org.uk/recruitment-of-business-partnership-volunteer/

(image of a brighter future when hand shaking may be possible once again!)

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