

# An Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy

## February – March 2022



### Course Outline

7:00 – 8.30 p.m. Thursday evenings.

	Date	Theme	Main area to be covered
1	Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> In person	<b>Why be a workplace chaplain?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To find out what workplace chaplains do.</li> <li>• To consider how and why this is part of the mission of the Church.</li> <li>• To begin to identify key tasks and skills of the chaplain.</li> </ul>
2	Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> On Zoom	<b>The Chaplain as Presence and Pastor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider the scope of workplace chaplaincy – what we offer.</li> <li>• To explore how chaplains can be carers of those they meet as individuals and groups.</li> <li>• To identify and practice key skills in being carers.</li> </ul>
3	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> In person	<b>Understanding the context of Chaplaincy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn something of the way the economy functions – the forces that influence our experience of work.</li> <li>• To consider further the connections between God and work.</li> <li>• Key Skills: To develop our practice of Theological Reflection.</li> </ul>
4	March 3rd On Zoom	<b>The Chaplain as critical friend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To explore how a chaplain can be a critical friend in the workplace as part of the church's mission.</li> <li>• Key Skills: Asking the right questions, at the right time in the right way.</li> </ul>
5	TBA	<b>Organising for Chaplaincy *</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn about some of the practicalities of visiting workplaces – health and safety; confidentiality; publicity; planning visits; keeping records; working as a local team.</li> <li>• To see how chaplaincy already happens through a visit to an existing piece of chaplaincy.</li> </ul>
6	March 24 <sup>th</sup> On Zoom	<b>Chaplaincy and the Church</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To find ways of having the local churches support the chaplaincy and chaplains</li> <li>• To explore why and how the story of chaplaincy can be brought into the life of the church to begin to change the way the church thinks and acts about mission.</li> </ul>

The “in person” sessions will take place at a venue to be decided, at a location convenient to those taking part.

\* The 5<sup>th</sup> session usually takes the form of a field trip to an existing piece of chaplaincy in Worcestershire. We hope this will be possible, but this depends on the COVID-19 situation. If this is not possible, we will hold this session online and arrange a later visit when possible.

The course draws on the personal experiences of work of those taking part, and group discussion and bible study are part of the approach. A detailed workbook is provided to each Participant which allows those who have to miss a session to cover the same ground, though it is better if the group can cover each session together, so if you cannot make all the dates don't feel that you cannot join the course.