

Christian care in the economy

Thank you

In January 2011 seven newly trained chaplains were commissioned, at a special service at Wesley Methodist Church Stourport, as the Stourport Town Centre Chaplaincy Team.

After more than 10 years of faithful chaplaincy the current team, including many of that first group, have now retired. Age catches up with us all, and COVID has proved a major factor for some.

We acknowledge, with great thanks, the considerable ministry the team has given over these years. Thank you Ken, Mary, Brian, Liz, Nancy, and Sue.

Next ONLINE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING DATES

Tuesday 8th March
Thursday 7th April
1:00 - 1:30pm

to be held via Zoom. Please [email](#) for link.

You can find the monthly prayer guide on our website at <https://www.faithatwork.org.uk/prayer/>

Launch of Supporters of Faith at Work in Worcestershire, SFWW

A recent postal mailing from FWW kicked off our **Lent Appeal 2022**, the purpose of which is to raise £15,000 to safeguard our work. Look out for the appeal leaflet or contact us on the number below and we will be pleased to send you a copy.

This also included an invitation to the **Supporters of FWW Launch Event** on Wednesday 27th April at Droitwich Methodist Church, starting at 7pm with light refreshments, and with presentations starting at 7:30pm. The theme is **'Re-engaging with the Economy'** and we are delighted to have Sharon Smith, CEO of Herefordshire & Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce, as the keynote speaker. Sharon will be considering how businesses are adapting to challenges within the economy due to COVID, Brexit and the climate emergency. Other speakers include Rev'd Dick Johnson, Development Officer of FWW and Mary Austin, Chair of Trustees of FWW who will formally launch the Supporters of FWW.

We hope that you are able to come along and please invite others who may be interested to come with you. It would be helpful if you could pre-register, either online via [Eventbrite](#), or by phoning **01905 621 780**.

Supporters of Faith at Work in Worcestershire

Alan Parry, 1941 - 2021

Alan Parry, who died in December, was one of FWW's longest serving chaplains. Retiring from the business world as a trainer with Zurich Insurance Alan, a lifelong Methodist, was, as he put it, 'waiting for a call' and received it in 2004 when Revd Trevor Lockwood was seeking volunteers to be chaplains in the Kingfisher Centre, Redditch. As part of a team of six, Alan visited, amongst others, BHS, WHSmith and Woolworths. His business background gave him a real empathy for those he visited, and his ministry was very much appreciated.

When Woolworths went into administration in late 2008 it came as a great shock to the staff, many of whom had worked for the company for more than 25 years. Before the store finally closed Alan visited every day, to be available and alongside the staff. It was a typical response by Alan to those in need, and characteristic of how he lived out his faith in Christ. Stepping down after 12 years in the Town Centre Alan pioneered new chaplaincy to businesses in the Headless Cross and Crabbs Cross area of South Redditch.

Alan drew many from Crabbs Cross Methodist Church into this outreach, including starting a Christmas drop-in for workers, with live music and refreshments. That so many came was testament to how his visits and care were valued. He will be much missed.



Alan taking part in the Kingfisher Christmas outreach in 2019

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