



Herefordshire
& Worcestershire
Chamber of Commerce



On the 13th October, Faith at Work in Worcestershire took a exhibition stand at the large Chamber of Commerce business fair held at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern.

FWW is a member of the Chamber and we were pleased to proudly display our new banners highlighting who we are and what we do. With more than 100 exhibitors and many more visitors there were plenty of conversations with Paul Lawlor (pictured) and Dick Johnson, and a number of useful connections were made. Some of these have since been followed up and we are hoping that, in some cases, FWW might be able to continue the conversation about workplace chaplaincy. There was certainly a lot of interest in what we were offering. Time will tell, but, at this stage a worthwhile exercise in promoting what having a workplace chaplain can offer to local businesses.

What do people say about our chaplains?

Earlier in the year, the Worcester Diocese Communications Team prepared an excellent short video, part of which included some short interviews with businesses in Pershore town centre talking about their experiences with the chaplains from the local Churches Together in Pershore Team. For those of you who have not seen the video yet, why not take a look here <https://vimeo.com/690889256>



Chaplaincy and the Changing Economy— FWW training event held 27th September 2022

An interesting and informative morning for chaplains, supporters and trustees was spent at the Kingfisher Shopping Centre in Redditch in September. The day started with visits in small groups to businesses in the Centre, where FWW chaplains have been active for many years. Each group visited three shops to hear directly how they are finding trading in the current economic climate. There were a wide variety of experiences. Several were struggling to find and retain new employees, others were having to cope with far fewer staff due to cost cuts and some were concerned about the future given the cost of living increases and what they would mean for trade. One business was thriving and very optimistic; another was about to close. We heard from Ken Williams (*pictured second from right*),



manager of the Kingfisher Centre and certainly picked up on his passion to be innovative and creative as they adapted to change.

The morning concluded with a short reflection and prayers for those we visited, followed by an enjoyable, simple lunch together.

It was striking how each business experience was different and how, as chaplains, we shouldn't make assumptions but must listen carefully to the specific and particular concerns of those we visit.

FWW MONTHLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

The next will be on **Wednesday 9th November, 13:00-13:30.**

The following one will be at the same time on 6th December.

To join in via Zoom, follow this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/fwwprayers>

You can also follow our Prayer Guide for November in your own time:

[November 2022 Prayer Guide - \(faithatwork.org.uk\)](https://www.faithatwork.org.uk)

FWW Development Officer Dick Johnson is currently leading an Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy course (under the banner of the national association, Workplace Chaplaincy Mission UK), with sixteen participants from around the UK, including two from the FWW area. Please pray for Dick, Linda and Charles.

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