




Offering spiritual care in later life



Do you care about the
spiritual well-being
of older people?

Anna Chaplaincy
can equip you and
your church for more
effective ministry.



Giving older people the support they deserve

With a rapidly ageing population in the UK, ministry among older people has never been more crucial. Anna Chaplaincy enables individuals and their churches to develop a local ministry, as part of a supportive and respected national network.

In 2018, there were 1.6 million people aged 85 years and over in the UK; this is projected to nearly double to 3 million by 2043.

Source: National Population Projections 2018, ONS, October 2019

Equipping you for ministry

Perhaps you're someone who has been quietly supporting older people for years. Or you're a church leader with a vision for later-life ministry. Whatever your starting point, Anna Chaplaincy can help you and your church develop the confidence and skills to really make a difference.

As part of the **ecumenical Anna Chaplaincy network**, you'll have access to:

- a range of regular training opportunities
- the support of the Anna Chaplaincy for Older People leadership team at BRF Ministries
- a forum for discussing challenges and ideas
- a highly motivated, knowledgeable and experienced national network of people involved in the same work
- the *Anna Chaplaincy Handbook* with best-practice guidelines

'The Anna Chaplaincy resources are first-class; the best thing is meeting people involved in the same kind of work, sharing experiences, picking up new ideas.'

Anna Chaplain

'I believe God's Holy Spirit has got hold of this thing called Anna Chaplaincy. If the Holy Spirit has got hold of it, who are we to stand in its way?'

Revd Andrew Micklefield, Church of England General Synod, 2019

'Anna Chaplaincy is a beacon of compassionate accompaniment, rooted in the love and hope flowing from deep relationships'

Professor John Swinton, Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care, University of Aberdeen

About Anna Chaplaincy for Older People



Anna Chaplaincy is one of the leading UK charities offering training and networking in older people's ministry. A ministry of BRF Ministries*, it enables local churches to offer high-quality spiritual care to older people in the community, who may be of strong, little or no faith.



Debbie Thrower, Anna Chaplaincy founder

Founded by former broadcaster Debbie Thrower, the growing Anna Chaplaincy network consists of Christian women and men, both those experienced in public ministry and those new to such roles, serving in a paid or voluntary capacity right across the UK. This is usually in addition to a wider team of volunteers, often known as Anna Friends, who support the Anna Chaplain in their local community.



The Anna Chaplaincy ministry team

Debbie Ducille, Anna Chaplaincy ministry lead, provides oversight for the team and works with church organisations across the UK, enabling Anna Chaplaincy to grow as a safe, effective, flourishing ministry in a variety of contexts.

'We don't realise how much the older people we support will be an encouragement and a blessing to us.'

Anna Chaplain

Julia Burton-Jones, Anna Chaplaincy training and development lead, has worked for many years in dementia care and introduced Anna Chaplaincy in Kent and south-east London.

Marian Muskett and Jane Butcher, Anna Chaplaincy coordinators, are the first point of contact for enquiries and facilitates the process for new Anna Chaplains and network support.

*Christian charity BRF Ministries is also home to Living Faith, Messy Church and Parenting for Faith. See brf.org.uk



Your Anna Chaplaincy journey starts here!

Anna Chaplaincy for Older People is for those who sense a calling to this ministry and the churches or Christian organisations who commit to supporting, mentoring and commissioning them.

Could you be an Anna Chaplain?

We'll help you explore your calling to this ministry of presence, provide training and ongoing development, welcome you to our supportive and generous network, and affirm you in your continuing ministry.

Interested in exploring Anna Chaplaincy for your church?

We'll support you as you recruit, manage and supervise your Anna Chaplain(s), helping you to nurture and develop them and as you provide accountability.

Sign up to hear about the latest news in older people's ministry at annachaplaincy.org.uk/blog, or browse our website and get in touch for an informal chat.



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