

Pastoral Care Team Update. March 2021

This work has been an ongoing ministry in the church for some time. As with other ministries we have changed to meet the challenges of these tough days. We are a small team of members who believe God has called us to care for people in our fellowship, to be a listening ear, and to provide support and contact whenever needed.

There are other areas of ministry that we know have also been caring for our friends - Yada, Men's meeting, Something Better, Lifegroups and of course caring individual members and regular attenders.

During this year, when physical contact has been very limited we have been very proactive in making contact with people who we feel need a call. In our weekly zoom meeting we report to each other on the contacts we have made and look to the following week for those who may benefit from a conversation. In between lockdowns we managed to have some socially distanced walks and cups of tea and also garden visits with those people unable to leave their homes.

Last September as a team we completed an online Dementia Friends session provided by Aylesbury Town Council & featured in the Aylesbury Town Matters Magazine. We hope to continue with any other training offered to us.

Our remit can be to have a chat,
Have a listening ear
Raising concerns and checking how we or others may be able to help.
Signposting to places
Encouraging people in these very tough times
Organising help for a specific need eg shopping
Being 'there' for people.
We pray each week and hold our friends up to God.

Recently we have looked at the wider community at SBC and have made contact with others from the church family and this has been well received. We are aware that while people seem busy and ok, they can feel lonely or burdened, so we want them to know we are there if they need us.

We also remember our Friends that have gone to be with the Lord.

Jo Cooling, Bill & Gladys Lindsey, Lilian Ladd & Clarissa Davis.

A special thank you to the team Jean, Michael, Jeanette, Tim, Jean & Christine who have worked so hard this year in keeping connected with everyone and supporting each other.

We can't wait to be able to see you all soon.

Lou Clarke, Jean Finn, Michael & Jeanette Hulcoop, Jean & Tim Howlett and Chris Spriggs