

Care Home Chaplaincy Update

We are now half way through the five year project, and Stella continues to work hard at co-ordinating and building the Chaplaincy across the circuit, and has six volunteers who share the visits to nine Homes along with support from Methodist, Anglican, Baptist and United Reformed clergy.

The Care Homes within the project at present are Holmwood, The Herons, Arch Hill, The Shrubbery, Brook Court and Shenstone in Kidderminster; Minster Grange and Ravenhurst in Stourport; and Hernes Nest and Summerdyne in Bewdley. Short services are held regularly (often monthly) at most of these homes, and visits usually take place weekly. As a Methodist member, Stella is now able to offer Extended Communion.

Stella's role also includes supporting and training the volunteers, and trying to recruit more people to support the project; more homes can only be included if there are more volunteers to visit! She is also promoting the Dementia Awareness pack from Methodist Homes and Methodist Women in Britain.

The Management Team would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Stella is unable to respond to requests for Pastoral Care anywhere other than at the homes listed above – there are just not enough hours to go round!

Please let Stella know if anyone you know moves into one of the above homes, but for other Pastoral requests please contact your Minister, or the person's Pastoral Visitor.

If you are interested in volunteering to the Chaplaincy, do have a word with Stella on 01562 632263.