

Background

For many years members of St. Peter and St. Paul's Pastoral Team have visited suffering, housebound and lonely people in our parish. The team has also conducted regular Communion or Praise Services in the community. The current Pastoral Team is quite small (6 members) and the need for pastoral care remains above our current capacity.

Would taking the love of God into the lives of lonely, elderly or suffering people, simply through your presence and your listening, be something you might consider? If so, without any obligation at all, you might like to attend this short, well tried and tested course, which will introduce some of the basic skills of pastoral care. The course will be led by Revd Ruth Peet (Vicar) and Janet Holdstock (Pastoral Assistant).



More information

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When

October 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
and November 13th.

9.30am - 12pm
Main Hall
The Brassey Centre
Station Road, Aylesford
ME20 7QR

Starting 9th October

Caring Concerns

A short course on
Christian pastoral care



Just as I have loved you, you should
also love one another.
John 13.34



Why?

As Christians we are called to care for others because we are called to live out the command to love (John 13: 34-35), to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2) and to further the Kingdom of God.

Who is the course for?

For anyone interested, potential and new pastoral care team members or as a refresher for established members.

What?

The Caring Concerns course is a very elementary introduction to pastoral care in the church. It explores such issues as:

- What is Christian care?
- What do we mean by healing?
- Listening - to God and to others
- Safeguarding and other care principles
- Introduction to loss and other issues
- Boundaries and confidentiality
- Ministry in care homes and hospitals
- What next for care at our church?

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WEEK 1: What do we mean by Christian care? What makes such care different? Some Biblical models.

WEEK 2: Listening - to God, to ourselves, and to others.

WEEK 3: Some principles - including safeguarding, confidentiality, lone working; real life case studies.

WEEK 4: Some elements of Christian care: loss, the carer, older people, loneliness, dementia, ministry in care settings.

WEEK 5: Looking back and evaluating; care at our church now; what next for individuals and the church?