

PARISH NURSING MINISTRIES

Whole person healthcare through the local church

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This is Personal!



P pastoral care
A advice on health
R reduction of stress
I intercession
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What is Parish Nursing?

supporting people and communities
towards whole person healthcare
through the local church.

All Parish Nurses are registered
nurses and are appointed or
employed through a local church.

What is *whole person healthcare*?

It is care for body, mind and spirit. Rooted in the Biblical concept of 'Shalom', these areas are integrated and have an impact on each other.

This integration is the main reason why we believe our ministry is so special.

What Parish Nurses do NOT do

- Dressings
- Injections/depots
- Invasive treatments
- Care Coordinate
- Give advice outside of their competencies
- Put pressure on anyone to change religion or join a particular Church

Some things a Parish Nurse WILL do

- Encourage healthy lifestyle
- Give personal health advice
- Liaise with GP
- Home visits (to listen and support and offer prayer when asked)
- Sign Post
- Offer training
- Accompany someone to a stressful medical appointment
- Help some to stay on their own at home for as long as possible

How does it all work?

We encourage churches to employ/appoint registered nurses as part of their mission in the community. This can be on a part-time, full-time, paid or voluntary basis, depending on the church's circumstances.

Our Regional Coordinators are available to work with the church and the Parish Nurse to think through how the nurse's skills, competences and experience can best be deployed. Together they will develop a plan based on the church and nurse's vision, strategy and gifting, guided by the Coordinator's experience, ideas and knowledge.

Parish Nursing provides training for the nurse including a residential course, with particular emphasis on integrating specialist nursing skills with spiritual care, as well as various other aspects of the role.

The benefits of having a Parish Nurse

- **Impact on people's lives**
- **Impact on communities**

How Parish Nursing came about

Initially developed by :

Revd Dr Granger E Westberg in 1985 in the USA

Dr Malcolm Rigler, G. P. and Ann Solari-Twaddell
presented the case for Parish Nurses in the UK in July
2001

Through subsequent conferences and consultations, a
steering group eventually gave birth to eight pilot
projects in a number of Christian denominations in
January 2004

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