

Parish Nursing Update



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KEEPING IN TOUCH! This is the fourth edition of a termly newsletter to keep all our clients, churches, friends, and supporters up to date with the latest news from Parish Nursing Ministries UK.

WELCOME– NEW NURSES!

Our Autumn training in Birmingham was attended by eight new nurses and one new

OT: Edwina, Dale, Sandra, Carol, Anne, Alison, Sarah, Ruth and Wendy! Pray for them as they get started in their churches. They were joined by eleven more who were returning for their fifth study day.

Do you know a nurse who might be interested to know about Parish nursing? Or a church that might like to explore it?



Point them to our website:

www.parishnursing.org.uk



Joy and peace at Christmas to all our friends, contacts and supporters!

More news:

A Grove booklet on health ministry should be out in 2016.

Our first Parish nurse/midwife started this term with the aim of supporting teenage mums and breastfeeding.

Bishop Sarah Mullally has written an excellent review in the Church Times of "Rediscovering a ministry of Health", published earlier this year.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Parish Nursing Ministries UK supports parish nurses and churches to improve the lives of people in the UK through whole person health care.

We run training courses for registered nurses and health professionals three times a year and provide continuing professional support to churches and nurses. www.parishnursing.org.uk

Our nurses help people:

- Make better use of the NHS,
- Stay out of hospital,
- Live more healthily,
- Combat loneliness,
- Care for others
- Make community connections,
- Find purpose for living and
- Spiritual resources for life's challenges.



They liaise with GP's and Community health services, seeking to enhance rather than compete with their work. We want to see as many people as possible benefit from the work we do.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

We have a new home! In October we moved into new offices at 26 North Street Peterborough, a spacious Georgian house owned by Hope into Action, another Cinnamon approved charity that works with the homeless.



Our new CEO, Ros Moore, has been working hard towards enabling us to fulfil our strategic aims. Together with the Christian Medical Fellowship and Global health, she has been leading the work on revalidation that churches, nurses, and mission organisations will need to address in 2016.

Helen, now part-time Founder Director, is working alongside Ros with specific responsibility for church and international relations.

We much appreciate the enthusiasm of our Coordinators, Advocates and Educators and the wisdom of our ten experienced trustees as we map our future growth.

Parish Nursing is free to all at the point of need. Over 85 UK churches of all denominations now have a parish nurse. They offer help to people of all ages and beliefs, supported by volunteers from the local church.

If you'd like to help us double that number by 2017 then do feel free to contact us at the address above.

Donations can be made payable to Parish Nursing Ministries UK. We are very grateful for anything we receive and we never pass on donor's details to other organisations.

Our first URC Parish nurse started in November.

We now have a page on the Justgiving website where you can donate anonymously or otherwise whenever you like.

143 service users gave an average of 9.8 out of 10 for excellent care from their Parish nurse.



Did you know?

There are now more than sixteen thousand parish nurses or faith community nurses across the world in 25 countries.

We have been recognised as the International Parish Nurse Resource centre for Europe and we want to build our links with other European countries who want to develop Parish nursing services. Please get in touch if you have European contacts.

**Save the date: March 8-10 2016
UK Symposium for all PN's,
friends, and supporters**