

Dementia-Friendly Church Certificate

[Church name]



Becoming
**Dementia
Friendly
Church**
2023-4

Thank you for committing to the following Action Plan for the year ahead: this entitles you to use the “Becoming Dementia Friendly Church” logo for the coming year. At the end of the year, we will review the Action Plan together and discuss an appropriate Action Plan for the subsequent year.

ACTION PLAN:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

YOUR LOCAL DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCH CONTACT:

Your Action Plan was approved by _____ in _____

DATE:

Our shared Vision in the Diocese of Lichfield is of church that partners with others in seeking the common good, working for justice as a people of hope. Following Christ in the footsteps of St Chad, thank you for your actions to become more dementia-friendly churches at the heart of dementia-friendly communities.

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The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave OBE, 99th Bishop of Lichfield



PLEASE DISPLAY THIS CERTIFICATE IN YOUR CHURCH, WHEN IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED

The Bishop of Lichfield endorses churches' Action Plans set out in our Dementia-Friendly Church Certificates, recognising this commitment to actions within our Diocesan Vision.

The Diocese of Lichfield has been working to take action on dementia through our dementia-friendly churches network since 2015. Our focus is on improving inclusion and quality of life for people with dementia, staying in step as patterns change. As such, we are able to authorise the use of our "Becoming Dementia Friendly Church" logo, when churches agree to a three-point Action Plan for the year ahead. We want our churches to be places where people with dementia are welcomed, understood, respected and supported, confident they can contribute to church / community life.

These notes are to assist in completion of the Certificate.

- 1. CHURCH/CHURCHES:** The Action Plan can either be for an individual church or for a group of churches e.g. a benefice. It is the choice of the church/churches involved, but approval needs to be given by a person/body that can speak for all churches covered by the Action Plan. For a group of churches, we can provide one copy of the certificate to display in each participating church.
- 2. ACTIONS:** The actions need to be specific, realistic and achievable. They can be small steps forwards, but they must be steps that you can and will take in the year ahead. We can share with you examples of possible actions. This certificate records the agreed three point Action Plan. You can commit to more actions if you wish – but it is better to deliver on three points than to commit to more and not deliver! You are welcome to include these actions in your Mission Action Plan, if you so choose.
- 3. DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCH CONTACT NAME:** Please specify the name of the person who is your Dementia-Friendly Church contact. This is the person who will be contacted to review the Action Plan in a year's time. We hope and expect that you will then be confirming that this year's actions have been completed and that you will be ready to sign up to three more actions for next year, to entitle you to use the logo (with a new date stamp) for a further year.
NAME:
EMAIL:
PHONE:
ADDRESS:
- 4. APPROVAL:** The certificate records who has given the approval and the date on which it was given. The Action Plan can be approved by any one of the following:
 - The vicar or equivalent; or
 - The PCC or equivalent; or
 - Another appropriate responsible body (e.g. Pastoral Care sub-committee).

For more information, or for help in finalising your church's Action Plan, please contact:

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