

"I have called you by name  
you are mine"  
Isaiah 43:1

# ANNA CHAPLAINCY



Diocese  
of Salisbury  
Making  
Jesus Known

# What is an Anna Chaplain?

An Anna Chaplain offers a ministry of spiritual care for older people of all faiths cultures, spiritualities and contexts, and their families and carers. Anna Chaplains work with people living independently in their own homes, in care homes and sheltered housing complexes, as well as promoting the spiritual welfare of older people in the wider community.

Anna Chaplains are licensed to use the Anna Chaplain brand owned by BRF Ministries, and have available to them a range of training opportunities and resources supplied by BRF Ministries. As well as being grounded in their home churches, they are members of a diocesan network that meets regularly on Zoom for mutual support and development.

Anna Chaplains work best as specialist members of a wider ministry team. They will be LPAs or LLMs already, with experience of pastoral ministry, whose specific calling to ministry amongst older people is recognised and supported by their incumbent as part of the outreach and pastoral care of the church.

# ***“Ministry as an Anna Chaplain is a vocation, not just a job to be done.”***

## **Anna Chaplains need to:**

- Be warmly empathetic whilst sensitive to the ethos of any care setting.
- Uphold appropriate and healthy boundaries.
- Have a desire to make Jesus known by word and deed.
- Work within the local ministry team and be a team builder themselves.
- Listen attentively and show warmth and hospitality to those who contact them.
- Be a calm presence, able to tease out what is being asked for and how to respond to it.
- Have knowledge of the needs of older people, generally, and in the local context.
- Make good judgments about how to tackle problems that are presented.

# What can I do next?

Ask God in prayer how you may become all that God intends you to be. What are the gifts and experiences God has given you that could be used for the Kingdom?

Speak to people who know you well and who you trust.

Speak to your parish priest or chaplain and begin to explore your vocation with them.

Look to see what vocations events are running. These will be advertised in Grapevine and on the Diocesan Website.

Browse the pages on the [diocesan website](#) and [BRF Ministries](#) to find out more.

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