
Independence

Often those who are elderly or unwell don't want to bother anyone with their problems. However, we would encourage you to let us know what your needs are.

All of us have a responsibility to be sensitive and caring to those in the fellowship or to those who we are connected with.

Don't be afraid to ask for prayer or help.

Pastoral Gift

If you believe that God has given you a gift for pastoral work, you are advised to share that with the leadership team or the Pastoral coordinator.

There is a requirement for anyone who is working with vulnerable adults to have a DBS check. This is easily arranged and the DBS coordinator will help you complete the necessary documentation. It's straightforward enough and will take about 20 mins to complete the necessary forms.

Confidentiality

Issues relating to confidentiality can be complex. We will endeavor to keep confidentiality unless there are issues of legality, or there is a risk of harm, either to the person concerned or others. In all but the most exceptional circumstances, good practice requires informing and wherever possible obtaining permission, before divulging confidential information to others or statutory authorities.

'Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.' Galatians 6:2

How to Contact us?

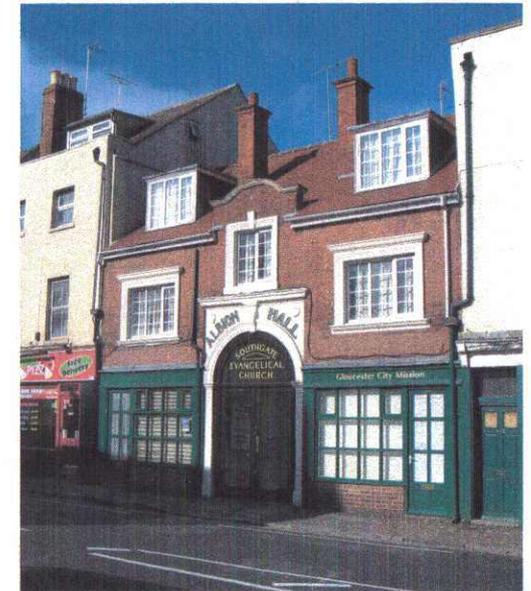
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How does Pastoral care work?

Never be afraid to ask

Life is a challenging business! Pastoral care is the process by which we support one another in the business of life. Being part of a church community, we seek to love and care for one another. It is not an option!

The purpose of a pastoral care is to help people live life in all its fullness in the strength of the Lord (John 10: 10 to 11). The values of pastoral care are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Galatians 5: 22-23) together with compassion, humility, tolerance, forgiveness and thankfulness to God (Colossians 3, 12 to 17).

Within Southgate Evangelical Church we show friendship and care for each other in a number of different ways.

One to One

Pastoral care is first and foremost an attitude of care for each other, which is the responsibility of every Christian. No single person or group of people can do all the pastoral care ministry required in a church of any size.



Much pastoral care occurs in the church in an informal and unofficial way as Christians seek to help in practical ways and to encourage one another in the faith.

Small groups

We are enthusiastic about small groups. Not only are they Biblical, but in the context of a society that is increasingly dislocated, geographically and socially, they are a vital means of providing community in a way that meets real needs.

Celebrating with God's family on Sunday is great, but it can be hard getting to know people well enough to share deeply. Small groups are the primary means through which members can provide mutual support. Each one acts as a hub for the sort of care that is personal, practical and evidence of belonging to the body of Christ.

We encourage everyone to be connected to a group.

Prayer ministry

Prayer is the way we make sure we are going the right way, and enables us to face the future with the confidence that God is with us.

During and after Sunday services, we would be happy to pray with you. There are trusted and mature members' of the fellowship who will respect confidence and seek ways in which we can help you.

We will also pray for you as a fellowship in our personal prayer and public prayer times.

You will also find it helpful to attend the monthly prayer meeting.

Together

We encourage everyone to be connected to a home group who can support and pray with you.

Where there are specific matters requiring urgent prayer we will make use of our prayer networks within the church. Sometimes things are so personal that anonymity is required and that can also be respected.

Pastoral Coordinator

We do not have a designated pastoral team but we have appointed a pastoral coordinator whose responsibility it is to mobilise the necessary resources to provide assistance to those with specific spiritual and practical needs.

The coordinator is not responsible for all of the pastoral needs within the fellowship. They will identify certain members of the fellowship who have specific gifts and skills who will be able to help you on both a short term and long term basis.

There will be times when the coordinator will advise that professional agencies are required that can only be obtained outside of the fellowship.

For those who are elderly or sick the coordinator will help to ensure that the fellowship resources are spread sufficiently so that one person isn't neglected while others receive lots of visitors.

Please speak to the pastoral coordinator, Ade Jones. He can be contacted at the address on the back of this leaflet.
