

The Anna Chaplaincy

'Resourcing the spiritual journey of older people.'

Lynda Padgett

No fewer than twelve Anna Chaplains were commissioned on Sunday 17th February, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle.

I am delighted to announce that Lynda Padgett, our pastoral team leader, was among those commissioned by The Bishop of Newcastle, The Right Revd Christine Hardman.

Anna Chaplains are described as mainly working 'in care homes or their community with older people whose lives are challenged through dementia, physical restriction or isolation as well as being chaplain to their families and to staff.'

Lynda has for many years, visited and taken communion to individuals and families at home and in local care homes, and has also taken services at Wentworth Grange. Revd Lesley Chapman, our priest, proposed Lynda for this role. Those who know Lynda or who may have received a visit, and perhaps communion from her, will share my joy in the recognition of her significant spiritual and pastoral role.

Those commissioned in February now become members of the national network.

Two days later, in Newcastle, a network meeting was held for forty, men and women, who wanted to know more about Anna Chaplaincy and friends of the same.

God bless you, Lynda, Anna Chaplain to the Parish of St. James, Riding Mill.

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