

# POSITIVELY RURAL WEBINAR ON CHAPLAINCY ON JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2023 - FEEDBACK FROM CHAT AND OTHER LINKS

## Questions for breakout rooms

Break-out 1: What do you feel are the most important things to consider when involved with rural chaplaincy?  
How might you go about developing this ministry?

We hear about rural isolation and rural poverty, and the effect these have on mental health in rural communities. In what ways might you/ your church/congregation respond to these needs in your area?

Break-out 1: In 2020 the Church of England voted to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, recognizing that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation and a fundamental injustice. Is it right for Christians to be working as market chaplains alongside livestock farmers who are contributing to the problem?

An evangelical Christian told me that market chaplaincy is a waste of time and not part of the mission and ministry of the church which is to make converts. Do you agree?

**Other questions that were raised** (some were dealt with as part of the question and answer session at the end of the webinar)

Q. One question our group has in relation to isolation etc was "Who chaplains the chaplains?"

A in Cumbria we have a Chaplain to the chaplains - and we meet up occasionally - all chaplains, not just the rural ones.

Q.As I am very new to the concept of Chaplaincy as a ministry, could you identify some of the characteristics that are particular to chaplaincy?

A. Chaplaincy is incarnational that is presence, availability, participation, [example(?)], sharing,.....

A chaplain is a minister to anything other than a church

Sometimes the chaplain is the 'interpreter' - helping the church understand your chaplaincy community and helping the community understand the church, especially this may be around a funeral

## Links/ resources

<https://zerosuicidealliance.com/> offer a free to all 20 minute training course on suicide prevention.

you can download helpful booklets here: <https://farmwell.org.uk/fit-for-farming-2/> -

I find this group and their emails helpful information <https://www.sustainweb.org/>

and of course: <https://fcn.org.uk/>

Also the agricultural chaplains association <https://www.agrichaplains.org.uk/>

and <https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/>

**Next Positively Rural Webinar is on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-2.30pm and the topic is 'Equality Diversity and inclusion in a rural context.'**