



DIOCESE OF **Bath & Wells**

Living and telling the story of Jesus



Diocesan Healing Advisory Group – October 2024



Greetings on behalf of the Diocesan Healing Advisory Group.

It was lovely to see those of you who could come to the Healing Service in the Cathedral. It is so good to mark this ministry in the Cathedral calendar and [Gilly's words can be found on our website.](#)

Healing Gathering – Saturday 18 January, Wells

You are invited to the “Healing Gathering 2025” on Saturday 18 January 2025, 9.45 for 10.00 am – 1.00 pm at Flourish House, Wells, BA5 1FD. This will be free of charge to attend.

Healing is a core historic strand of the Christian ministry and part of the commission Jesus gave to his disciples where

He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:2 NIVUK

The Healing Gathering 2025 presents an opportunity for all people interested in healing - both clergy and laity - to come together in one place to explore Christian Healing.

Our aim is to offer a relaxed, open, welcoming environment for all who are interested in Christian Healing including: those who are exploring Christian Healing for the first time; those who are already involved in Christian Healing and want to explore further; as well as those who are experienced in the healing ministry who want to delve deeper and are able to share their experience.

There will be an opportunity to explore your views and experience of Christian Healing, and to think about your hopes and aspirations for this ministry and what could help you move forward.

It will be a chance to meet together, share together and learn from each other. A chance to create links so that no one is working in a vacuum with a view to creating an encouraging and supportive healing network across the diocese.

To book a place or for further information, please [email Sue Whitehead](mailto:Sue.Whitehead@diocese.org) or telephone Sue on 01749 685272.

Diocesan Healing Adviser Vacancy

We are looking for a new Diocesan Healing Adviser, following our Adviser Gilly Bunce stepping down from this role in the summer.

This is a voluntary role and a Bishop's appointment.

Healing is integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. The role of the Diocesan Healing Adviser within our diocese is to encourage, support and resource healing ministry, with understanding, expertise and commitment, and to maintain and develop links with other dioceses and denominations so that we continually learn, share and challenge ourselves.

This is a flexible role, in line with the needs of the role and of the post-holder's wider context. As guidance, the minimum average expectation is 2 days a month. The appointment is for 3 years, with an option to renew if the post-holder and Bishop are in agreement.

If you are interested, please have a look at our website for [information about the Healing Adviser role, the role description and application form](#).

For an informal chat about the role please [email Caroline Bruce](mailto:Caroline.Bruce@diocese.org). We will be following up applications after the Healing Gathering.

Taking healing further in your local context - Healing Hubs

Following the Healing Forums we held in the spring with [Acorn Christian Healing Foundation](#) and the [Guild of Health & St Raphael](#), we are hoping that we can put in touch with each other those of you who have already let us know you would like to explore what healing means in your own context and consider starting a healing hub in your area, along with others who may still be interested in exploring how you can take healing further in your local context. [Videos of all our Healing Forums are available via our website.](#)

Healing Resources

[Resources to assist parishes wishing to introduce or develop a ministry of healing are available](#) on the Diocesan website.

Please keep in touch with the Healing Advisory Group, as we are here to resource you, and be assured that we pray regularly for you. Do please email us with any comments, questions or requests. Within the bounds of confidentiality, it is good to share something of our struggles and joys with each other and, with permission, with the wider community if it is appropriate.

**I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations . . .
A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out,
till he has brought justice through to victory.
from Isaiah 42**

Love and prayers

Caroline Bruce

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Ex-officio member of the Diocesan Healing Advisory Group

