

Want to know more?

- ◆ To find out more about Anna Chaplaincy in older years visit www.annachaplaincy.org.uk
- ◆ If you work with older people and seek support in providing for the spiritual wellbeing of your clients, contact your local church through www.achurchnearyou.com or email: anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org
- ◆ To discuss the possibility of Anna Chaplaincy in your local context email : anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org
- ◆ If you are interested in exploring Anna Chaplaincy as a vocation, contact your local church leader, Parochial Church Council or Rural Dean and share this leaflet with them.



What training is available?

Once a vocational route has been discerned with church leaders locally and within a deanery or diocesan context, training for Anna Chaplaincy is available to those who have been authorised to one of the following forms of ministry:

- Authorised Lay Ministry
- Licensed Lay Reader
- Ordained Minister

Initial training takes the form of a 6-session course, delivered by the national Anna Chaplaincy team, usually via zoom. This leads to being part of local network of good practice and further annual training. In 2022 the cost is c.£110 per chaplain.

Contact the Diocese of Lincoln's Transformation Fund for details of possible funding for Anna Chaplaincy and missional projects, details can be found here:

www.lincoln.anglican.org/grants-and-funds or transformation.fund@lincoln.anglican.org

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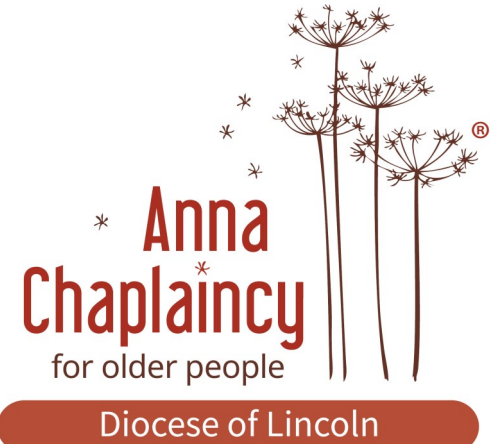
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What is Anna Chaplaincy?

Anna Chaplaincy is a person-centred and non-judgmental ministry for people in later life with strong faith, little faith or none. It focusses on meeting the spiritual needs of all older people, whatever their context.

Anna Chaplaincy is for those who may just want friendship or spiritual companionship. For others it is an opportunity to discuss questions around life and death as they explore spirituality, or join in Christian worship - whatever form that might take in their individual circumstances.

Why Anna?

In the bible, Anna was a widow and faithful older person who recognised the baby Jesus as the Messiah and the fulfilment of God's promises. Appropriately, the name Anna means 'gift' or 'grace'. For an Anna Chaplain, much of the work is with those who suffer loss and bereavement. It is a hope-filled ministry which highlights the tradition of older people having prophetic voices, and which recognises that many older people have wisdom to impart to younger generations and life lessons to share.

Vision

Anna Chaplaincy is a national ministry among people in their later years. This could be with individuals and carers, in care settings or with organisations. The aim is for every community in Britain to have an Anna Chaplain.

In a society and church increasingly made up of older people, there are more and more people who feel themselves to be beyond the interest and concern of the wider community which can be isolating and challenging. Anna Chaplaincy seeks to accompany older people at this stage of their lives. To discuss Anna Chaplaincy for your local context or as a vocation email:

anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org



What does an Anna Chaplain do?

Every context is different, so Anna Chaplaincy will be specific to the church's response to the needs of the local community and reflect the gifts of the chaplain. Their main purpose is offering spiritual care to people in older years who are living at home, in residential and nursing homes, and promoting their spiritual welfare in the wider community.

Some common strands include:

- working with people in later life
- supporting relatives
- supporting staff
- people living with dementia
- working with churches and communities
- working across generations
- encouraging advocacy.

Who supervises an Anna Chaplain?

An Anna Chaplain is appointed, commissioned, and sent out under the authority of their local church, in-line with diocesan vocation and safeguarding practices. An Anna Chaplain does not operate under their own auspices, as there is a fundamental need for accountability. It is important to have a dedicated line manager, usually the church leader, who is responsible for regular supervision.

What is an Anna Friend?

Anna Friends work alongside the Anna Chaplain. They are local volunteers who are commissioned and DBS checked by their church. Anna Friends support the work of the Anna chaplaincy by giving a few hours a week to suit their circumstances, strengths and gifts. This role empowers more lay people to be part of supporting older people and meeting their spiritual needs.



The Anna Chaplaincy Prayer

**Faithful God,
you have promised in Christ
to be with us to the end of time.
Come close to those who have lived long
and experienced much.
Help them to continue to be faithful and,
within the all-age kingdom of God,
to find ways to go on giving and receiving your grace,
day by day.
For your glory and your kingdom.
Amen**

How could Anna Chaplaincy work locally?

The Covid 19 Pandemic has had a huge impact on people in older years, especially through isolation. Care providers work tirelessly to keep their residents, families and staff safe and continue to do so. At the same time many longstanding pastoral visitors have not been able to visit and sustain relationships with those in older years.

Anna Chaplaincy is an opportunity for churches and communities to revive and re-ignite relationships with older people, those living with dementia, both in the local community and in care settings. The training is excellent for brushing up skills, exploring new opportunities, thinking strategically and widening perspectives.

Or maybe Anna Chaplaincy with older people could be a new direction of the church. A good place to start is by connecting with and auditing what provision is already being offered within the local community, and what expertise is already present within the congregation.

The Anna Chaplaincy Handbook is a useful guide and can be purchased from:
www.annachaplaincy.org.uk/anna-chaplaincy-handbook.



*The eternal God is your refuge, and
underneath are the everlasting arms.*
Deut 33:27