SUPPORT SERVICES

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"Jesus himself came near and was walking with them."
(Luke 24:16)

This leaflet is for those seeking spiritual support with, bereavement, major loss, personal faith issues or challenges in their marriage.

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We know that life brings many challenges, some that feel hard to bear. As people of faith, we remember that Christ suffers with us and that as Christians we are called to walk alongside each other when we are in need. We remember that we are never alone and Christ has conquered all.

Our diocese is blessed to have a number of accompaniment services made up of teams of trained volunteers who are there to walk alongside people in their times of struggles and difficulty. From Bereavement support, spiritual direction, healing ministry and marriage support. Please read on to find out a little more about each service.

Emmaus Bereavement Support Team

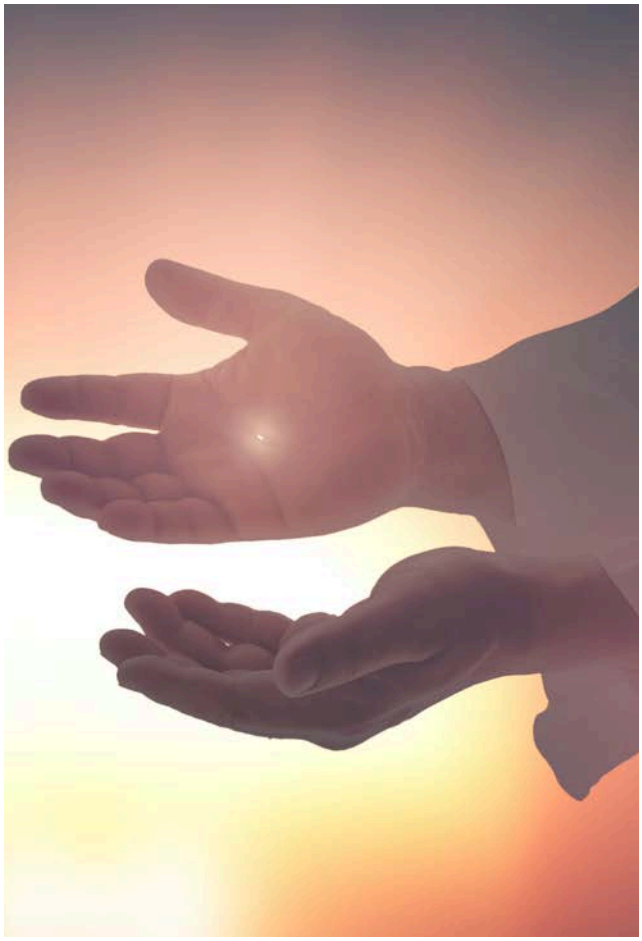
If you are struggling after the death of a loved one, or suffering any significant loss, and would like share your story with someone outside your family, then a member of the Emmaus Team may be able to help. We would be privileged to support you in your loss as Jesus did for the travellers on the road to Emmaus.

The members of the Emmaus team are trained in bereavement listening skills and are experienced in supporting those suffering loss. If you think we could help, please call the Emmaus Bereavement Support Team:

07732 980 740

Please leave your name and number and a member of the team will get in touch with you.

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."
(Matthew 5:3)



Further information and resources about our accompaniment services are available here:

https://bit.ly/DHNAccompaniment

Healing Ministry

The Diocesan Healing Ministry Team is a group of trained people from across the diocese, who have answered the call to accompany people on their journey towards healing and wholeness through prayer.

"At sunset all those who had friends suffering from diseases of one kind or another brought them to him, and laying his hands on each he cured them."
(Luke 4: 40-41)

If you would like to be accompanied on your journey individually by members of the team, you can contact the Diocesan Healing Ministry Team:

Tel: 0758 224383
Email: healing@diocesehn.org.uk

Please leave your name and number, and a member of the team will get back to you.

Marriage Care

The call to love is "the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being." In Ephesians 5: 25-33, Paul teaches that Christ made marriage a sign of His love for the Church. This means that a sacramental marriage lets the world see, in human terms, something of the faithful, creative, self-emptying, abundantly life-giving love of our Lord.

At times all marriages will experience difficulties, over a lifetime there will be many ups and downs. The Church recognises that in some circumstances people need more formal support to live out their vows. In Hexham and Newcastle diocese, the Church is in partnership with the organisation 'Marriage Care'

Marriage Care offer a donation only relationship counselling service and specialise in helping couples build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy relationships, and the provide support in times of relationship difficulty. We urge those who are finding themselves in difficulty to seek the help of the Church Community and to make use of this professional service. To find out more visit: **https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/**.

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SO, YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

At the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle our friendly Formation & Mission team are here to help you explore ways of accompaniment in difficult times.

We'd love to chat with you, so please call us:

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0737 593 4713

Our office hours are 8.30am-4.30pm Mon-Fri

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