

## ***Parish Visitor Programme***

***‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’***

*(Matthew 25:40)*

The Benefice of Meir Heath & Normacot is setting up a scheme of Parish Visitors to help improve the pastoral care we offer. We aim to bring the love and healing *of* Jesus to those who are hurting. Such a ministry will be one concrete way in which our parish can live out its commitment to Jesus Christ.



This scheme will further enable us to fulfil our mission by providing a ministry which will reach out to the housebound, hurting and marginalized. Such people cannot always participate as fully as they might wish to in parish activities. Through our Visitor programme, we will be able to provide a valuable link between those visited and the parish.

The role of the Parish Visitors is to offer support and friendship to those in need. Following a short training programme, Parish Visitors will be sent out to respond to the needs of parishioners.

This might include:

Visits to the housebound and sick;

Arranging Home Communion for those in need;

Support for those who are lonely;

Support for those who are undergoing stressful times in their lives.

This support involves visiting the person in their home or at a health care or residential care facility.

The Visitor and the person being visited will agree upon times for visits. The Visitor (who will be CRB checked) may call to see how the person is doing, to arrange Holy Communion, to spend a little time with them in prayer or to read the scriptures with them, share information about parish activities, assure them of the parish's commitment to pray for them, play a game of cards, or just sit, listen and offer a hand of friendship.

If you would like a Visitor to call to see you, please complete this form and arrange for it to be handed in to the Parish Office.

Someone will contact you shortly afterwards.

## **Request for a Parish Visitor**

I would like to be put in touch with a Parish Visitor. I give my permission for the Church to use my contact details for this purpose.

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Address:

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Telephone Number:

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Best time to make contact:

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Signature:

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