

# PASTORAL CARE TEAM

## MINISTRY VISION/PURPOSE:

To ensure that everyone attending Knowle Parish Church receives care, prayer and support when they are in physical or emotional need.

## ROLE:

Pastoral Care Team Member in one of the four teams detailed below

## WHAT ROLE INVOLVES:

**Contact team:** Contacting and/or visiting people who have been referred by clergy or the Parish Office as they are unwell / lonely / in need. This involves listening and support rather than counselling. Taking home communion to elderly or isolated people.

**Bereavement team:** Contacting and/or visiting people who have recently been bereaved. Sending cards to people on the first anniversary of the death of their loved one, for those who have had a funeral at KPC.

**Prayer team:** Confidential prayer in pairs offered after the 9.30am and 6.30pm services for people who come for prayer for various personal issues. Also support for bi-annual services for healing and wholeness.

**Care Homes teams:** Support for weekly or monthly services in three local care homes.

[Apart from the above teams, pastoral care is also provided via Home Groups, Friendship Club, Mothers Union and Cobbles]

## ESSENTIAL QUALITIES FOR ROLE:

A love for people and a concern for their wholeness  
Warm empathy and good listening skills  
Awareness of the need for confidentiality in all contacts  
Consistency over time in following up people

*"I believe that pastoral care is a vital component of a thriving church community. It demonstrates God's love in action, as all are valued and important to Him"*

## TRAINING/GUIDANCE PROVIDED:

Online safeguarding training (essential) and DBS certificate (certain roles)  
Pairing with other team members (prayer team) or joining an existing team  
Potential online counselling skills training  
Quarterly Pastoral Care Team meetings and occasional training sessions

## Interested? Want to find out more?

In the first instance, speak to the Vicar, Geoff Lanham ([geoff.lanham@kpc.org.uk](mailto:geoff.lanham@kpc.org.uk) or via the Parish Office on 01564 779123)

