

‘The Wounded Healer’

**The spiritual experience of suffering
from a hospital chaplaincy perspective**

*A morning of learning, reflection and sharing
facilitated by Rev’d David Ryan and Rev’d Helen Glithero*



Thursday 2nd October 2025, 10am to 12.30pm

(Arrivals and Refreshments from 9.30am)

St. Peter’s Hall, Inkberrow WR7 4DZ

**It would help us to know beforehand if you plan to attend,
but pre-booking is not a requirement - unless you want lunch.**

Free Simple Lunch: Everyone is invited to stay on until 1.30pm to meet and share over a simple lunch – please book in beforehand (by Monday 29th September) to order yours and indicate any dietary requirements.

To book your place and lunch please [ctrl]+click here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9QhxZjyiGC>

For any questions or problems booking, please contact
Elaine Voice (elaine.voice7@gmail.com or 07747 607216).

There is no charge for attending the Gathering,
but we will be inviting donations towards the expenses of the session.



Our speakers: **Revds David Ryan & Helen Glithero,** **Chaplains, Worcs Acute Hospitals NHS Trust**

David and Helen work in the chaplaincy team alongside Revd David Southall and Mark Herauville TSSF. Between them they cover the acute hospitals in Worcester, Redditch and Kidder-



minster. They work with, train and support a team of volunteers. The chaplaincy leaflet for patients says that they offer 'Emotional and Spiritual support for people of all faiths and none'.

David was ordained in 1994 and took up his present post, focused at the Alexandra Hospital in 2013. He is married to Melanie, and they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys running, cycling and walking. As well as following Manchester City Football Club, he enjoys just about every sport, and also pottering in the garden.

Helen's work in hospital chaplaincy began in 2016 when she volunteered at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham during her curacy. Ordained in 2014, she started work as a chaplain at Worcester Acute hospital in 2017, also covering Kidderminster hospital. She has three grown up children and one grandchild. She loves to be outside, walking every day, as well as going to the theatre when she can. She also enjoys reading and tackling cryptic crosswords.

The Purpose of the Gathering

In this session, David and Helen will help us explore how the experience of sickness, failing health and end of life care affects people in different ways spiritually, and share something of their chaplaincy approach to assisting and supporting people in their God-consciousness through such times of questioning, vulnerability and fear.

There will be opportunity for participants to reflect on our own experiences in this regard – how we have reacted to illness, incapacity and the prospect of death on our life-journeys, and what we have found to be healing or spiritually sustaining through such times. Some of us, of course, may be in the middle of such experiences...



The Gathering is for anyone who is seeking to explore their own spiritual awareness and deepen their faithfulness in the life of prayer, and for those who give support to others in their spiritual journeys through sickness and in health.

Venue and directions: St. Peter's Hall, Inkberrow – WR7 4DZ

We encourage participants to share lifts where possible.

Travelling on the A422 through Inkberrow, look for the Village Green (opposite the Bull's Head Inn). Turn into the lane beside the Village Green and follow it down past the church. The car park is at the bottom of the hill on the right.

Please note that for anyone with mobility difficulties, the path (with steps) from the car park to the hall is quite steep. For disabled access, park (or drop-off) near the lych-gate.

The Spirituality Network and Spiritual Direction

The Diocesan Spirituality network includes people who seek to listen to and walk with others on their spiritual journeys, as well as those clergy and lay people who are available to offer spiritual direction or accompaniment. To find out more about those offering spiritual direction in our diocese, contact Mary Flitcroft at Spirituality@cofe-worcester.org.uk.

