

# HEALTHCARE SUNDAY

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## Why Healthcare Sunday?

Health is an issue that effects us all. At some stage in our lives every one of us will look to a health professional for help and advice. One of the main agencies bringing care in our society is the National Health Service. As one of the largest employers in the world it employs over one million people, an estimated 100,000 of these are Christians with many more working in the private and voluntary sector.

Healthcare Sunday is an opportunity for Churches to recognise the work done by healthcare professionals and voluntary carers. It also gives an opportunity to pray for the nation's health provision, as Christians in the community we have a responsibility for the health of the nation. There are more opportunities now than ever before for the Church to take the lead in creative compassionate caring within the community.

Now in it's ninth year Healthcare Sunday is being celebrated around the world. This year the Sunday nearest St Luke's Day (18th October) is October 15th, however this is flexible as it may be necessary to choose another date to fit in with your Church's programme.

### This pack includes:

- Why Healthcare Sunday?
- Healthcare Sunday Service Outline
- Some Useful Facts & Figures
- Ethics in Healthcare – Matters for Prayer
- International Health Issues
- Healthcare in Crisis?
- Current Challenges for Primary & Community Healthcare
- Involvement with the Voluntary Sector
- What Others Have Done
- Feedback form

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