

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 sectors.

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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 now more opportunities than ever before for the Church to take the lead in creative, compassionate caring within the community.

Healthcare Sunday is being celebrated around the world. This year the Sunday nearest St Luke's Day (18 October) is 19 October. However, this is flexible as it may be necessary to choose another date to fit in with your church's programme.



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life should mean life

“I have come in order that you might have life –
life in all its fullness”

John 10 v10.

These words of Jesus speak powerfully of the gift that God has given us in the gospel, yet for many in our society, life is anything but full. Disability, chronic illness and mental health problems can leave many in our community invisible, unheard and unable to take part in the wider life of society.

Yet there are many that help “add life to years” by caring and helping these people learn to live life fully with their problems. Disability, mental illness and the disabling attitudes of society are tackled by health professionals, social workers, family, ministers, friends and neighbours who care for and support those often ignored by wider society.

Healthcare Sunday this year focuses on the hidden needs of many in our communities, and on those who seek to meet their needs.