

What is the Portsmouth Diocesan Healing Group and who are its members?

The Diocesan Healing Group consists of clergy and lay members who have experience in and a passion for the Christian Healing Ministry. The group is chaired by the Diocesan Healing Adviser. Details of current members of the Group and a contact email can be found on the Diocesan website (see back of leaflet, *How to contact us*).

Our aim is:

to encourage Christian Healing Ministry in parishes through events, raising awareness, and teaching and training

We do not consider ourselves as experts but wish to encourage and journey with you in exploring more of Jesus' healing through His church.

We are available for help and advice for all parishes who wish to develop this ministry.

Why do we think Healing Ministry is an important part of parish ministry and mission?

We believe that there are good theological and historical reasons why the Christian Church is called to pray for healing and that we should expect to see evidence of God's healing today.



Christian Healing is part of God's plan for salvation and his desire for people to be whole physically, mentally and spiritually in harmony with one another and our world.

We also believe that all Christians, both lay and ordained are called to pray for the sick and those in need and that each of us has a part to play.

What can Healing Ministry look like in our church communities?

Consider what already exists in terms of pastoral care, relationships, fellowship and welcome as well as our teaching and Sunday services.

We might also like to think about:

- Prayer for healing as part of our Sunday services, alongside communion or at the end of the service.
- Developing a prayer ministry team to assist with this.
- Regular or occasional healing services with anointing.
- Having our church open at times in the week to offer prayer for healing.
- Other places in our community where prayer for healing can be offered.

What support is available to develop healing ministry in my parish?

The Diocesan Healing Group are available to help in the following ways:

- Discuss what opportunities might exist for your parish to develop its healing ministry.
- Provide teaching on healing and prayer ministry team training or direct you to available resources or training opportunities.
- We can assist in the development of healing services.
- Our Diocesan Healing Days provide opportunities for teaching and raising awareness of aspects of healing.
- Diocesan Guidelines on Healing Ministry can be found on the Diocesan website.

How to contact us

Diocesan Healing Adviser:

- Email and telephone number are on the Diocese of Portsmouth website:
portsmouth.anglican.org/healing

The Healing Adviser and the Healing Group can also be contacted via the Diocese of Portsmouth office at Peninsular House (023 9289 9656).



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An introduction
to the work of
the Portsmouth
Diocesan
Healing Group



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