

Pastoral Report

My first thoughts go to all the volunteers on the pastoral team who give so much in care and time for members of the church. Thank you to every one of you who diligently visit and contact those who need that 'bit of support and encouragement'.

The last year for me has been a period of 'settling' into the role of pastoral worker. As with any role it has brought its challenges not least to say trying to develop the team. Capacity is always an issue in any voluntary organisation but it has blessed my heart that the pastoral team have quietly got on with 'the job', and expressed the love of God into the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have a heart for people and a few hours to spare and would like to join the pastoral team please do come and speak to me.

Over the last year the team have continued to: -

- Visit people at home who are sick and house bound.
- Visit people who are sick and in hospital.
- Keep in contact by phone, texts and Facebook.
- Provide practical, emotional and spiritual support.

There have been many conversations and support over cups of coffee and tea as the team have met with you to offer friendship and support!

I have worked alongside, and with, Esther Baker and Hazel Withey in giving prayer ministry and counselling to those that have needed that extra emotional and spiritual support. It is always a privilege to walk alongside someone who is struggling and see them come through to a better place with themselves and God.

Last, but by no means least, I wish to thank Pastor Robin and the Leadership team for their support and encouragement over the last year.

Jane Deane- Pastoral Worker.