

PRICELESS PEOPLE

Sharing Jesus Love with Older People
&
People Living with Dementia.



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Rev Ben Boland

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who receive him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1

Dear Team,

Thankyou for your prayers, encouragment and willingness to receive this newsletter.

My employer has decided to sell the care home where I serve and the chances of the new owner wanting a chaplain are very low. The good news is the care home will continue so the residents will still be cared for and the staff (except me) should experience minimal change.

See over...

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Prayer Points

- Please pray that the church would realise that older people and people living with dementia are priceless.
- Lord, help us to make time to be present with your priceless people.
- Please pray for me as I seek God's leading re employment.

Can I help?

As part of the marketing for "Priceless People" I am creating some short articles and videos about ministry with older people and people living with dementia. What, topics or questions would you like to see addressed?

My current list includes:

- Hope in the midst of dementia?
- Imago Dei with wrinkles and dementia?
- Grey tsunami or Gospel opportunity?

What would you like to see covered?

Practical Tip – Presence

How do you build love with someone?

You spend time with them!

Yet many older people and people living with dementia are left alone. As Christians a profoundly powerful way for sharing Jesus love is simply to be present.

Yes, we want to share the words of the Gospel, but we also share God's love simply by turning up!

Resources

The Marsh Centre in Texas, provide training, webinars and have published an exceptional book on chaplaincy – 'The heart of a Chaplain'. The second edition of which is due for release in January. In exciting news I have contributed a chapter on Dementia Chaplaincy for the second edition.

I also had the privilege of speaking at their Dementia Webinar. A recording of which is available at

<https://events.bhcarroll.edu/marsh/20240502/event>
(click the top left button marked replay)



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News from the Chaplain... continued

Personally I am struggling with the challenge of the limbo of transition and not knowing where God wants me - geographically and in terms of employment.

I have reached out to my network, am actively job seeking and working on some academic writing to boost my CV.

So, I am striving to be faithful but am feeling weak – BUT that gives God lots of space to shine!

Ben