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### From the Chaplain

Lent is upon us and Easter fast approaching, so this month's newsletter is focused on sharing Jesus' love with older people and people living with dementia,

Chaplain Ben



### CONTROVERSIAL VIDEO

I have now published my most controversial video - Are Children the Future of the Church? I would greatly appreciate hearing your feedback.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+tmyymshfr78&t=5s>

# Priceless

# People

## Loving Older People

## And

## People Living with

## Dementia

### Palm Crosses

A great way to remember Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem is with palm crosses. Which were traditionally handed out at Palm Sunday services. You can buy them, but they are a great craft activity to run with older people and people living with dementia.

### Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the opportunities to encourage promote loving older people and people living with dementia.
- Pray for the impact and production of the Priceless People videos.
- Pray for me as I ramp up my encouragement for Christians to love older people and people living with dementia.

### Sharing is Caring

Please feel free to share this newsletter. If you want to get the newsletter, please just ask. [jesusloveinagedcare@gmail.com](mailto:jesusloveinagedcare@gmail.com)

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I am actively looking for opportunities to speak about ministry with older people and people living with dementia.

**DO YOU WANT ME?**

### Media

It has been a busy month with radio and podcast interview with stations and producers in Australia (Perth, Brisbane, Sydney and Tamworth), England, New Zealand and the United States of America. One week I had 5 recordings! Perhaps you have even heard me or even

seen me as the New Zealand recording was put on both YouTube and television, though I think I have a face for radio. If you are interested, below are some links:

### Print articles

Easter Article

<https://faithinlaterlife/tell-me-the-old-old-story/>

The Expository Preaching Trust published an article on preaching with older people –

<http://entrust.org.au/old-preaching/>

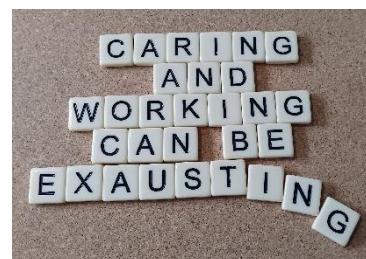
City Bible Forum published an article on caring while working -

<http://citybibleforum.org/blog/three-self-care-tips-overwhelmed-carer/>



LinkedIn - Temu tip for church

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/temu-tip-church-rev-ben-boland-21voc/>



Ethos – Agony of Authorship,

<http://ethos.org.au/agon-y-of-authorship/>



### Pre Release available

Priceless People is now available for pre release purchase on Amazon. [Priceless People: Loving Older People and People Living with Dementia : Boland, Ben R: Amazon.com.au: Books](#)

**BEFORE you order a copy, please email me as I have a triple impact suggestion!**

## Podcasts

Interview with Andrew Urquhart,  
Rhema New Zealand Christian Radio  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d77a4gl3bs>

Loving the Forgotten  
Interview with Betsy Wurzel  
'Chatting with Betsy' on Passionate World Talk Radio  
USA  
<https://bit.ly/3R1F7V9>

## My Videos

Four Spiritual questions for People living with  
dementia  
<http://youtube.com/watchv=zjedg-3q8di>

Engaging with older people  
<http://www.youtube.com/watchv=y5ctbhg32w&t=34s>

Easter Videos  
<http://www.youtube.com/watchv=bubgr9etydu>

Easter message with a Resurrection Garden  
<http://www.youtube.com/watchv=4tb73oau0jy&t=23s>

## FREE WEBINAR

I am speaking at this webinar, it's on London, England time but register to get a copy of the recording. I would greatly appreciate your prayers and would love to 'see' you there.

<https://faithinlaterlife.org/event/gospel-ministry-in-the-midst-of-dementia/>

### Resurrection Gardens

A great multisensory way to share the Easter story with older people, people living with dementia indeed all people is a resurrection garden.

I have posted two YouTube videos on this outlining how to make and use a resurrection garden.



## Matthew 25: 34-40

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

## Devotion

One of the major divides in churches is ‘word’ vs ‘social’. That is should we focus on ‘word’ e.g. sharing, teaching and proclaiming Scripture or ‘social’ feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and hospitality to strangers. The simple answer is we need to do BOTH. The practical reality is doing either is hard; both is doubly hard. Therefore, most churches, Christian and denominations have a focus on one or other.

Historically, chaplaincy and pastoral care have had a bias toward ‘social’, my contrary nature means I want to push back against this. My church background as Reformed Evangelical and that bias also push me towards a word focus.

The parable of the sheep and the goats is an example of ‘word’ but focuses on ‘social’ ministry. Every action the king commend is social!

## Priceless People Manuscript update

Priceless People’s cover has been finalized, and the manuscript has been typeset, copyedited and given the final approval to print.

