



Weekly Prayer Focus: 26th May 2024 Chaplaincy

It was almost a year in the planning but on 4 March 2024 fourteen chaplains from across the EBA met at High Leigh Conference centre. The group reflected the broad spectrum of the growing chaplaincy work that is taking place across the region. They ranged from chaplains that work in institutions such as prisons, hospitals, hospices, care homes, and universities, to those that work in retail and other commercial or community contexts.

Chaplains shared how God is working in and through them to make a difference in the lives of individuals, communities, and institutions as they help make faith more visible in these places. This can take the form of chaplains resourcing prayer spaces or facilitating acts of worship. Additionally, it might entail chaplains offering care and support to individuals of all backgrounds as they navigate life's challenges through simply seeking to be a non-anxious presence, or responding to people's questions about things like the meaning of life and suffering, or help people to challenge and transform unjust organisational policies or practices.

Prayer points:

- Pray for chaplains as they seek to balance the important work of caring for others with caring for themselves.
- Pray for future EBA Chaplains' gatherings and the role they might play in resourcing chaplains.
- Pray for a growing understanding in our churches as to the potential for resourcing, supporting, and learning from the different models of chaplaincy work, in living out our collective call as disciples of Christ to be 'salt and light' in non-church contexts.