

Work of the Agricultural Chaplain – Graham Hinds



How did it all start?

After the Foot & Mouth epidemic in 2001 and following a report on the plight of Peak District farmers called “Hard Times”, it was concluded that there was a need for more pastoral support for hill and upland farmers in the area. A post was created at the beginning of 2003 and Graham Hinds became the areas first agricultural chaplain.

How big is the area?

Follow this line and it completes a circle: Hartington – Buxton – Glossop – Edale – Bamford – Hathersage – Calver – Baslow - Chatsworth – Matlock – Cromford – Newhaven- Alstonefield – Hartington

There are approximately 450 farms across the area

What does the Agricultural Chaplain do?

- A presence at Bakewell Livestock Market, working alongside the Rural Health Team and other support agencies
- “Warm Calling” – dropping in on farmers
- Following up referrals where there is a specific need
- Supporting the local church leaders and their congregations
- Networking with a variety of individuals and groups including the NHS, Social Services, NFU , Trading Standards etc

What do I know about the Agricultural Chaplain?

- He is married with 4 children and 7 grandchildren
- He has been in farming all of his life, including 24 years as a lecturer in agriculture at Derby College
- Is a “Man of Kent”
- Is a church leader at Community Church Derby
- Is a Derby County Football Club season ticket holder

Items for prayer

Thank you for your prayers for farmers, farming families, farming related church services & other activities and my work as agricultural chaplain.

Please pray for the following:

1. Farmers Carol Services:

a. Sunday 4th December, starting at 2.30pm in the seated auction ring at Bakewell market. The Cressbrook Silver Band will be present. This event is hosted by the High Peak Livestock Society and will take place at the same time as the Christmas Fatstock Show.

b. Friday 9th December, starting at 7.45pm at Dale Road Methodist Church, Darley Dale. This event is hosted by the Agricultural Christian Fellowship. Philip White, a local farmer from Wingerworth is the guest speaker. The Derbyshire ACF choir will contribute.

c. Sunday 11th December, starting at 6.30pm at St Michael's & all Angels Church, Taddington. This event is hosted by the Farming Life Centre

2. The payment window for the annual Single Farm Payment is on 1st December. Last year a great deal of anxiety arose from long delays for many farmers. Pray that the administrative system is much improved this year.

3. Pray for those farmers struggling with illness in particular Cancer.

4. That farmers will be ready when new environmental legislation comes on stream on 1st January 2012.

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