

## **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:

- For farming families that have recently lost loved ones.
- For the Christian witness to the farming community.
- For a good and successful lambing season

- For farmers to come along to the monthly “Faith & Farming” prayer support event which is held at Bakewell livestock market on the first Monday of the month, starting at 1.30pm.
- For the Agricultural Christian Fellowship outreach event for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, at Calver Village Hall, Calver, starting at 7.45pm. The evening will be led by the Curbar and District choir.

### **How can I get hold of the Agricultural Chaplain?**

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