

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:

- Annual Farming Service to be held at Bakewell livestock market from 2.30pm on Sunday 7th November

- Visiting programme across the High Peak, Derbyshire Dales and Amber Valley.
- Regular presence at the Livestock market on a Monday
- Work as Rural officer for the Derby Diocese

How can I get hold of the Agricultural Chaplain?

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