

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCH CERTIFICATE



Church/Churches

We are delighted that you are working with the Diocese of Lichfield to become more dementia-friendly churches at the heart of dementia-friendly communities. Thank you for committing to the following Action Plan for the year ahead: this entitles your church(es) to use the “Working to become dementia-friendly” logo for the coming year. At the end of the year, we will review the Action Plan together and discuss an appropriate Action Plan for the subsequent year.

ACTION PLAN:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCH CONTACT NAME:

ACTION PLAN APPROVED BY:

ON:

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SIGNED BY.....

ROLE

DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

DATE.....



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The Church of England around Staffordshire, northern Shropshire and the Black Country

PLEASE DISPLAY THIS CERTIFICATE IN YOUR CHURCH, WHEN IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED

The Diocese of Lichfield has officially been recognised as a dementia friendly community since April 2017 by the Alzheimer’s Society’s Dementia Friendly Communities Team, as part of their focus on improving inclusion and quality of life for people with dementia in a number of ways. As such, we are able to authorise churches in the diocese to use the national “Working to become Dementia Friendly” logo, provided that the church agrees a three-point Action Plan for the year ahead.

This is how a dementia friendly community is described:

“A dementia-friendly community is a city, town or village [or diocese!] where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported and confident they can contribute to community life.”

These notes are to assist in completion of the Certificate.

- 1. CHURCH/CHURCHES:** The Action Plan can either be for an individual church or for a group of churches e.g. a benefice. It is the choice of the church/churches involved, but approval needs to be given by a person/body that can speak for all churches covered by the Action Plan. For a group of churches, we can provide one copy of the certificate to display in each participating church.
- 2. ACTIONS:** The actions need to be specific, realistic and achievable. They can be small steps forwards, but they must be steps that you can and will take in the year ahead. We can share with you examples of possible actions. This certificate records the agreed 3-point Action Plan. You can commit to more actions if you wish – but it is better to deliver on three points than to commit to more and not deliver! You are welcome to include these actions in your Mission Action Plan, if you so chose.
- 3. DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCH CONTACT NAME:** Please specify the name of the person who is your Dementia-Friendly Church contact. This is the person who will be contacted to review the Action Plan in a year’s time: we hope and expect that you will be confirming that this year’s actions have been completed and that you will be ready to sign up to three more actions for next year, to entitle you to use the logo for a further year.

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

- 4. APPROVAL:** The certificate records who has given the approval and the date on which it was given. The Action Plan can be approved by any one of the following:
 - The vicar or equivalent; or
 - The PCC or equivalent; or
 - Another appropriate responsible body (e.g. Pastoral Care sub-committee).

For more information, or for help in finalising your church’s Action Plan, please contact:

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Reminder to Dementia Enablers: As soon as you sign off on any certificate, please make sure that completed certificate is filed in the Dementia-Friendly Churches DropBox folder without delay. In order to maintain the Diocese of Lichfield’s recognition as a Dementia Friendly Community, we are required to report regularly on progress, so we need to be able to access reliable, current information on church involvement at all times.