The Spiritual Needs of Older People

Resource List

*Numbers in brackets thus [1] indicate availability of document - see Resources available from below*

**Older People And The Churches**


Burnham, Anthony (1999) Maturity for Beginners: the church and an ageing population (Help the Aged).


Carey, George (1997) Care and Dignity in the Next Millennium: will older people have a prayer? (The Abbeyfield Society).


Cunnington, Andrew (2000) How can this be: a study of the spiritual lives of older people (Midhurst Booklets).

Duke, Michael Hare (2001) One Foot in Heaven: growing older and living life to the full (Triangle).

Halley Stewart Age Awareness Booklets (see below for details). [3]


Murphy, Charles (?) Dementia Care and the Churches: involving people in premises (Dementia Services Development Centre, Stirling) [7]


**Spiritual Needs**


**Spiritual Needs In Care Homes**


Counsel and Care (1995) Last Rights: a study of how death and dying are handled in residential care and nursing homes (Counsel and Care). [8]

Green, Fred Pratt (1991) The Last Lap (Stainer and Bell).


Regan, Dominic and Smith, Jef (1997) The Fullness of Time: how homes for older people can respond to their residents’ needs for wholeness and a spiritual dimension to care (Counsel and Care). [8]


**Spiritual Needs Of People Living With Dementia**


Higgins, Patricia (2003) Holding a Religious Service for People with Dementia Journal of Dementia Care 11 (3)

Killick, John and Allan, Kate (2001) Communication and the Care of People with Dementia (Open University Press)

Moffitt, Laraine (1996) Helping to Re-create a Personal Sacred Space Journal of Dementia Care 4 (3)

Murphy, Charles J (1997) Dementia Care and the Churches: involving people and premises (Dementia Services Development Centre, Stirling). [7]


**Resources available from:**

[1]  CCOA Dementia Project Chaplaincy Centre, St Nicholas’ Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3XT

[2]  The Leveson Centre for the Study of Ageing, Spirituality and Social Policy, Temple Balsall, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands B93 0AN

[3]  Lynn Fox, MHA Care Group, Epworth House, Stuart Street, Derby DE1 2EQ

[4]  URC, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT

[5]  CCOA Publications, 19 Eldred Road, Liverpool L16 8NZ

[6]  FiEP, Gaynor Hammond, 29 Silverdale Avenue, Guisley, Yorks LS20 8BD

[7]  DSDC Stirling, Iris Murdoch Building, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA

[8]  Counsel and Care, Twyman House, 16 Bonny Street, London NW1 9PG

[9]  Dot Hooker, Diocese of Canterbury, 60 Marsham Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1EW

[10] Church House, 211 New Church Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 4ED

[11] Church Army, Marlowe House, 109 Station Rd Sidcup DA15 7AD Tel 020 8309 3509 email Information@churcharmy.org.uk

**Videos**

*Is Anyone There* – training video pack A 20-minute video with accompanying booklets exploring what we understand by the terms spirituality and dementia, includes real care situations and sequences of worship (CCOA Dementia Project).

*A Mind to Care* - a video about dementia (MHA).

*Nourishing the Inner Being* - produced for MHA Care Group by TVA Care Limited as part of their ‘Learning to Care’ series. The video is inspired by the Model of Spiritual Care devised by former Senior Chaplain of MHA Care Group, Rev Albert Jewell (MHA).

*The Person not the Problem* - originally performed as a play, this specially commissioned work has now been produced as a video. Complete with notes to provoke and guide questions, it helps both individuals and groups confront some of the issues that dementia raises (MHA).
Relevant Projects Or Centres

Christian Council On Ageing Dementia Project

The CCOA Dementia Group has established two projects based in the North East. The first three year pilot project based in Newcastle upon Tyne was a teaching and enabling ministry to health care professionals, clergy and others in the north east. The project worker, Laraine Moffitt also researched and produced resources for anyone involved in the care of people with dementia. The second follow-up project, also based in Newcastle and lasting until November 2000 examined the possibility of diversifying and extending the work in a wider context geographically, and of working with other organisations and other faith communities. For details of publications contact Chaplaincy Centre, St Nicholas' Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3XT (Tel 0191 273 6666 ex 28820).

Christian Council On Ageing Dementia Group

This is a network of people who came together initially because they shared a common concern that people with dementia often were not being regarded as persons with the same rights and spiritual needs as any other person. We have sought to promote a person-centred approach to the care of people with dementia. We are always pleased to welcome new members who share our concern.
For details contact Alison Johnson, 33 The Plain, Brailsford, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 3BZ (Tel 01335 361440).

Faith In Elderly People, Leeds

This is a local ecumenical group concerned with the needs, including the spiritual needs, of older people. Gaynor Hammond leads a project especially about those with dementia and their carers. FIEP has also developed the Memory Box to help stimulate the memories of people as they grow older.
For details contact Gaynor Hammond 29 Silverdale Avenue, Guisley, Yorks LS20 8BD (Tel 01943 879 320).

The Halley Stewart Project

This project was co-ordinated by Rev Albert Jewell who recently retired as Senior Chaplain of Methodist Homes. Amongst other resources, the project produced a series of booklets written to help individuals, local churches and other interested groups share a deeper understanding of the spiritual needs of older people.

The subjects of the booklets are as follows:

1. Spirituality in the Later Years of Life
2. Adapting our Lifestyle in Retirement
3. The Ageing Single Person
4. Ageing in a Strange Land
5. Facing Terminal Illness
6. Older People and Bereavement
7. The spiritual Needs of People with Dementia
8. A Last Home
9. Those who Care for Others
10. The Church’s Ministry to ageing People.
The Leveson Centre for the Study of Ageing, Spirituality and Social Policy

The Centre, which is open to those of all faiths and none, aims to be a local and national resource and to be an interdisciplinary centre for the study of ageing, spirituality and social policy, involving older people themselves alongside professionals, carers and church people in understanding the spiritual dimension of life.

For details contact Rev James Woodward, The Leveson Centre for the Study of Ageing, Spirituality and Social Policy, Temple Balsall, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands B93 0AN (Tel: 01564 778022).

MHA Care Group

MHA has a Senior Chaplain, Rev Dr Keith Albans who works from Derby and is responsible for the spiritual needs of residents and staff. Pam Kent, their Spirituality of Ageing Adviser is based at the regional office in Leeds. She previously ran the MHA Centre for the Spirituality of Ageing at Hinsley Hall.

For details contact Pam Kent, Spirituality of Ageing Adviser, MHA Regional Office, Brooklands Court, Tunstall Road, Leeds LS11 5HL (Tel 0113 271 5805).

Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care

In February 2000, the Henry Smith’s charity provided funding for a three year project entitled Looking after the Whole Person: meeting the emotional, social and spiritual needs of older people living in residential care. A mid-way report has been published.

For details contact SCCCC, 8 Backfields, Sheffield S1 4HJ (Tel 0114 2754021).

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