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Welcome to the Faith in Later Life Newsletter

Dear Friends

These incredible images of new life breaking through in a dark and cold season are lovely reminders of God's goodness to us in every season of the year and in every season of life.

My prayer for us all is that we will know God's goodness in the year ahead, with triumphant breakthroughs in our personal lives and in our ministries to older people, so that they too will know His abundant goodness. Happy new year.

January is often that time when we think about what's ahead in the coming twelve months. Whether you'll be ministering in a rural context, helping those preparing for retirement, supporting carers, planning something new, or working up the courage to share Jesus with your older neighbours, we have some events and resources which we hope will help you.



Seniors Ministry: Where to Begin

with Fi Costa

If you're thinking about starting a new seniors ministry this year, do watch my interview with one of our ambassadors, Fi Costa. In the video and in the accompanying blog she shares some excellent ideas about getting started, including prayer and team building.

[Watch Video](#)

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Our Next Online Event: Rural Seniors Ministry.

with Tim Wilson

According to government statistics, one in four people living in a rural community are over 65. In our January event on Thursday, we're going to be considering how churches can best grow retired disciples in rural areas. Register to let us know you're coming and to receive the link.

[Register Here](#)



Save the Date: Church Champions Networking Session

Our next opportunity to hear from and pray for one another is on **February 13th**. As well as a short intro to our Spring Stroll campaign, we'll be sharing and praying together.

[Register Here](#)



Coming Soon: Retiring Well

with Helen Calder

Do you know anyone who's retiring this year? Retirement is a time of significant change in our lives, similar to major decisions about further education, career, marriage or starting a family. Helen Calder is one of our Associates, and on **March 14th** she'll be speaking at our online events.

[Find out more](#)



Share Your Ideas

One of the things Church Champions value about our network is sharing ideas. Whether you run a luncheon club, sports ministry, lift service, or older people love your goodie bags and birthday traditions, or you have learned wisdom for care home visits, and anything in between; we'd love to share your ideas and experience!

Please contact me via alexandra@faithinlaterlife.org with your story and any photos you're allowed to share.



Introducing Christians in Care

Lucy Honeysett

Some of you may have met Lucy Honeysett at our prayer and networking event recently. Lucy leads the work of 'Christians in Care' to encourage and inspire those working in care to live and speak for Jesus. Please do share this with Christians working in the care sector.

[Find out more](#)



Could you be a Faith in Later Life Trustee?

We are blessed to have a committed and experienced group of trustees who enjoy serving Faith in Later Life together. We're now looking to expand our range of expertise and experience by welcoming new trustees, including a Church Champion!

[Find out more](#)



Talking Jesus:

with Rachael Heffer

I was recently joined by Rachael Heffer to talk about our Love My Neighbour campaign and how the Talking Jesus research helps us have confidence to share the Good News of Jesus with our neighbours this winter.

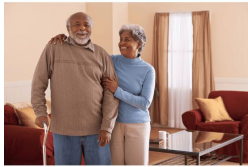
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Loving My Neighbour Living with Dementia:

by Louise Morse

“When it comes to loving a ‘neighbour’ who is coping with dementia, it’s most effective when it comes from a personal, as well as a collective approach.” Louise Morse gives some helpful guidance about how we can love our neighbours who are living with dementia in our latest blog.

[Read Blog](#)

I’m looking forward to seeing some of you on Thursday, or hopefully soon otherwise. In the meantime, we are praying for you and your ministries among those in later life.


Be blessed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Alex Drew
Lead Officer

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