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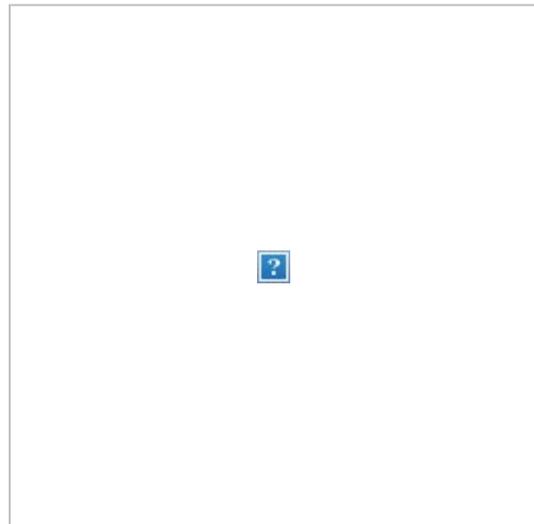
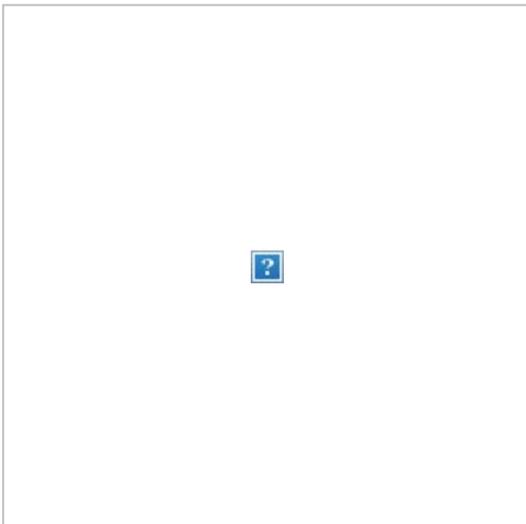
Dear Roger,

September has been a busy month at Faith in Later Life! Here are some of the highlights of the last month, as well as ways you can get involved and new resources you can access!

**The first annual church champions conference:** Thank you so much to those who came to our conference. It was a wonderful day, and we were

thrilled to hear from speakers Professor Keith Brown, Debbie Thrower from Anna Chaplaincy, Louise Morse from Pilgrim Friends Society. We heard from Carl Knightly who is staying on as a Faith in Later Life Ambassador and moving on to work at London City Mission, and introduced our interim CEO Laura Treneer. If you are a [Church Champion](#), the recording from the day as well as the resources will be available on the Church Champion Hub shortly.

**Free print resources:** Would you like hard copies of the Keith Brown's [Guidance for Christian faith organisations in the support and value of older people](#) and [Loneliness in Older People](#)? These are great to give to your local church leaders and charity/community representatives. Please reply as soon as possible letting us know how many copies you'd like, and your postal address. We want to get these out as quickly and as widely as possible, so they are completely free, but any contribution towards production and postage is always greatly appreciated! This can be done via [our website](#).



**Raising the profile of older people:** Our latest resource has been endorsed in an [Early Day Motion](#) by MP Jim Shannon, followed by other MPs, which has received press attention. We also have an article in Christianity magazine - it's available online [here](#), and can be circulated.

**Ideas on evangelism:** As we prepare for next year we are starting to collect stories and ideas on how we can reach older people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Can you help? We would love to hear from your experience.

- What advice would you give for sharing the gospel with someone in the 'fourth age' over the age of 80, or in a care home, or with dementia?
- What training, stories, ideas or resources would you find most helpful in

this?

Please reply to let us know! Thank you!

## Dates for your diary

**International Day of Older People** is on Friday 1st October. Faith in Later Life was formed in collaboration between other charities and organisations, including Salvation Army who have produced resources for the day. Find out more [here](#).

**Silver Sunday** is on 3rd October. Could you run an event, or use the day as a good opportunity for special prayer time in your Sunday service? There are lots of resources [here](#).

**Neighbour Sunday:** We are delighted again to partner with Neighbourhood Prayer Network on Neighbour Sunday! This will be launched at the Sunday service at the Labour Party Conference. Would you register to take spiritual responsibility for your street? [Register here](#).

**Our monthly Church Champion training events** are restarting in October, with sessions from Gemma Gillard, CEO of Truth be Told, and Tina English, CEO of Embracing Age and author of the recently published '[A Great Place to Grow Old: Re-imagining Ministry Among Older People](#).' If you're a champion for older people in your church or community, and want access our free training events, find out more by signing up [here](#).



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