

Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Ageing People.

It is one of the biggest challenges facing the church. People are living much longer, and there are more older people in our communities. Physical care is widely available but how well are we equipped to recognise and care for the spiritual needs of elderly people?

Walking on Holy Ground is a course which looks at some important issues in ageing, pastoral care in our parishes and effective ministry to people in neighbouring rest homes and hospital complexes. It also forms part of a longer Certificate Course which participants may wish to go on complete.

Walking on Holy Ground is being offered in the Nelson Diocese later this year and registrations are invited. The Course is run over two weekends (Friday evening and Saturday) and includes topics such as Spirituality and Ageing, the ministry of including people who have moved to residential care, the ministry of understanding people in grief and people with dementia.

Dates: 26/27 September and October 17/18, 2014
Venue. St Barnabas Church, Main Road, Stoke.

The Course Director is Anne Russell-Brighty from Christchurch. Anne is a deacon in the Anglican Church with a background in community work and ministry to the elderly. She has a graduate diploma in ageing and pastoral studies and has offered chaplaincy in a number of Rest Home settings as well as pastoral care in parishes.

Enquiries can be directed to Anne at anne.adrian@xtra.co.nz or contact the Selwyn Centre for Ageing and Spirituality in Auckland. Registrations close on September 10th and the Course is limited to 20 participants. Cost \$85.