

**PASTORAL GROUP**

A theological reflection on the biblical foundation, need, and function of a Pastoral Team was undertaken by Revd. Paul and myself. This work was presented to the Wadhurst PCC and the was given the blessing of the PCC to establish the team.

Background research to understand the history of the previous Pastoral Group was carried out.

Individuals who had expressed an interest in serving in this group are currently being contacted.

Printed information is being designed to advertise the new group to the church and wider village community.

Training is being investigated and the possibility of joint training with similar groups. Safeguarding training will be supplied online via the CoE portal. All volunteers will have an up-to-date DBS check.

The group aims to provide pastoral support to people of all ages from the broad sense of the church family, and will encourage referrals from the GP surgery, Pharmacy and Carillon Cottage.

There will be on-going focussed training and team building, responding to the needs of the volunteers and those they are serving. Good quality supervision will be put in place for all volunteers.

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