

**NEXT FWW
MONTHLY PRAYER
MEETING****Tuesday 11th May
1:00pm - 1:30pm**

to be held via Zoom.
You can find the monthly
prayer guide on our prayer
portal at

<https://www.faithatwork.org.uk/prayer/>

EVERYDAY FAITH IN WORK

**Either 19th May or 10th
June,
both 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

Online workshop led by Doug Chaplin, Discipleship and Lay Training Officer with the Diocese of Worcester and Dick Johnson, Faith at Work in Worcestershire, to explore how faith connects with work.

For anyone who has ever asked themselves, 'Where and how is God to be found in my work? Is my work a vocation from God? How does my faith help when things go wrong at work?'

A chance to share with others in a safe space in the hope such a conversation will be supportive and stimulating.

**[Find out more and
book via Eventbrite](#)**

KIDDERMINSTER INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAINCY (KIC) ENDOWMENT

KIC was founded, almost 50 years ago, to support industrial chaplaincy work in the town of Kidderminster and, in recent years, has supported chaplaincy more widely through making an annual grant to Faith at Work in Worcestershire. At the beginning of 2021 the KIC trustees, after a lifetime of service, decided to close the charity and transfer their remaining funds to FWW. We are extremely grateful for the support of KIC over the years, and for this generous endowment which will help safeguard and develop chaplaincy in the future.

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**CHAPLAINS PLEASED TO RETURN**

As anticipated in our last newsletter (March 31st) the lockdown is slowly being lifted, non-essential shops are open once again, and some of our chaplains have been able to return to visiting workplaces. As when the first lockdown was lifted briefly last summer, they have been warmly welcomed back.

Pershore Chaplains have been meeting regularly throughout lockdown to pray together for the businesses of the town and plan how to restart visiting. As they do, Alma Organ, who completed training at Easter, joins the team, which is now eight in number. Commissioning will have to wait until more normal church services can be held when the whole team is re-commissioned at an ecumenical service later in the year. Visits are to the retail businesses in the town, as well as to the indoor market where the vast majority of traders are resuming and the outlook is very positive and optimistic.

On April 20th the Redditch team undertook a walkabout through the town and Kingfisher Shopping Centre, to get the feel of what resuming chaplaincy will be like. As elsewhere, those back at work were pleased to see them, including Ken Williams, manager of the Kingfisher who was able to share their plans with the team. Despite the imminent closure on May 8th of Debenhams, the largest shop in the Centre, Ken reported they have more tenants now than before the lockdown.

Others, who completed the recent training, are considering where to begin or join chaplaincy. More news of this, and of other chaplaincy restarting next time. Do please keep praying for our chaplains and those they visit.