



# Advent visions for Service:

what  
compassion  
looks like



*Stories from around the Connexion* 



# Service

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2. How are we giving members of the church opportunities to develop as disciples through service?
3. Are we making the best use of our premises and our money for service to the community?



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Street Banquet Birmingham



<https://www.streetbanquet.org.uk/>

## Based in The Church at Carrs Lane, Birmingham

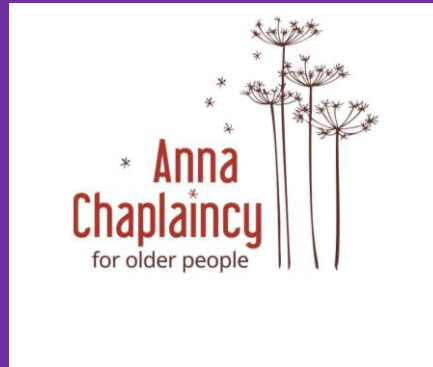
This is a Church at the Margins project in the Birmingham District, grounded in the following cycle:

- 1.Listen** – Identifying needs within the Birmingham Street Community – stability, food, dignity, and respect.
- 2.Love** – the Banquets: regular 2-3 course meals
- 3.Community** – Table Fellowship emerges from the Banquets
- 4.Share Jesus** – Invitation to participate in Christian community
- 5.Church** – Form contextual, street ecclesial community
- 6.Repeat** – Think about the next opportunities





**Chaplains** are people appointed by the Church to work in all kinds of places outside the normal life of the congregation.



**Anna Chaplains** trained in the spiritual care of older people and working with a team of volunteers. Visiting residential homes, leading retirement courses, supporting families.

<https://www.annachaplaincy.org.uk/>

### **Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy**

*“To serve the heart of our own town. We want to see the church express Christ’s love in public and personal ways through the appointment of a team of volunteer chaplains, the support of outreach initiatives and the encouragement of workers (and their families) in the workplace.”*

<https://www.watfordtcc.org/>





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<https://www.thegatheringplacestathan.org.uk/>

Wesley Church Centre  Chester



- Music @Wesley
  - Fairtrade Shop
  - Cafe
  - Weekly bread-making
  - *New Leaf* mentoring service
- <https://www.wesleychester.co.uk/>





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