

Dementia-Friendly Church Certificate

All Saints Church Wellington



Becoming
**Dementia
Friendly
Church**
2026-7

This Action Plan for the year ahead entitles the church(es) to use the "Becoming Dementia Friendly Church" logo for the coming year.

Action Plan

- 1. Promote dementia awareness across the wider church specifically by naming dementia regularly across the year during intercession prayers and via snippets in our Church Notice Sheet.**
- 2. Have a dedicated notice board for promoting dementia awareness which is colourful, relevant, up-to-date and portable.**
- 3. Explore the possibility of providing a Memory Café' and identify how best to establish regular meetings.**

Your local Dementia-Friendly Church contacts are Gill Reeves and Gilly Pymm

Your Action Plan was approved by Revd Tim Carter, Gill Reeves and Gilly Pymm in April/May 2026.

Date: May 2026

Our shared Vision in the Diocese of Lichfield is of church that partners with others in seeking the common good, working for justice as a people of hope. Thank you for your actions to become more dementia-friendly churches at the heart of dementia-friendly communities.

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The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave OBE, 99th Bishop of Lichfield



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Notes

The Diocese of Lichfield has been working to take action on dementia through our dementia-friendly churches network since 2015. As such, we authorise the use of our "Becoming Dementia Friendly Church" logo, when churches agree to a three-point Action Plan for the year ahead. We want our churches to be places where people with dementia are welcomed, understood, respected and supported, confident they can contribute to church / community life.

- 1. Actions:** The actions need to be specific, realistic and achievable. They can be small steps forward: they are steps that you can and will take in the year ahead. We can share with you examples of possible actions – and it is sensible to discuss possible actions early on with Sarah Thorpe, Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler (sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org 0798 224 8949). This Certificate records the agreed three-point Action Plan. You can commit to more actions if you wish – but it is better to deliver on three points than to commit to more and not deliver. You are welcome to include these actions in your Mission Action Plan, if you wish.
- 2. Church/Churches Approval:** The Action Plan covers an individual church or for a group of churches e.g. a benefice. Approval is given by a person/body that can speak for all churches covered by the Action Plan e.g. the vicar or equivalent; it may also be approved by the PCC or equivalent or other appropriate responsible body (e.g. Pastoral Care Sub-Committee).
- 3. Sign off, Signature by +Michael and Display:** Every Certificate is agreed with Sarah Thorpe. Sarah shares finalises Certificates with Bishop Michael, Bishop of Lichfield, who personally signs every completed Certificate. Bishop Michael says he is proud to be part of a Diocese that takes dementia-friendly church seriously. Signed Certificates are sent out from the Bishop's Office. Please display your signed Certificate(s) in your church(es). For a group of churches, there will be a Certificate to display in each participating church.
- 4. Dementia-Friendly Church Contact Name and Renewal:** This is the person who will be contacted at the end of the year, as we review the Action Plan together and discuss an appropriate Action Plan for the subsequent year. We hope and expect then to confirm completion of these actions, in readiness to sign up to three more actions, entitling you to use the logo (with a new date stamp).

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