



Healthcare Sunday Ideas for your church

Who needs your support?

In your congregation you may have doctors, nurses, midwives, care assistants, social workers, social care workers, dentists and dental teams, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, dieticians, hospital administrators, porters, cleaners, ward secretaries, laboratory staff, chaplains, and people serving in many other roles.

Ideas for your church service:

- Interview someone working in health or social care as part of a service - what do they like about their job, what are the challenges, what can you pray for?
- Before Healthcare Sunday ask those working in health and social care to send photos of themselves at work to create a montage to display during the service while/ before praying for them
- You may wish to ask those in working in health and social care to stand while you pray for them, perhaps either in groups, or using the set prayer provided.
- Show a video or PowerPoint presentation on Christians in healthcare such as CMF's 'imagine' video or the Healthcare Sunday video
- Show the slide provided with a QR code that links to a webpage with links to all the partner organisations - or add this QR code to your service sheet
- Orientate the teaching content/ sermon to do with health/ healthcare

Further ideas:

Highlight Healthcare Sunday in the weekly bulletin with wording such as:

Sunday 20 October 2024 is Healthcare Sunday. As a church we want to celebrate and pray for those working in health and social care. If that's you, thank you for all you do to live and speak for Jesus as you shape services and meet and help patients and their families at some of the most vulnerable and important times in their lives.

- Send a thank you/ we're praying card or email to those working in health and social care in your congregation/ healthcare facilities on your patch/ parish. This could be an activity for all of church or particularly for your children's church.
- Organise a gathering for those working in health and social care in your church e.g. a thank you tea or prayer gathering.
- Encourage prayer walking near local health and social care facilities

Partner organisations

Christian Medical Fellowship | Christians in Allied Health | Christian Dental Fellowship
Christian Ambulance Association | Partnerships in International Medical Education
Parish Nursing Ministries | Christians in Care

