

St Paul's Healing Ministry

Throughout his ministry Jesus healed the sick. At St Paul's we endeavour to follow Jesus by continuing this ministry.

Every Sunday morning, during all services except the one at 8 o'clock, the Healing Guild offers laying on of hands. Any person wishing prayer for healing, either for him or herself, or on behalf of someone else, may come to the prayer station at any time during administration of Communion.

The station is on the north (that is, left) side of the church in the corner by the Lady Chapel. There, you may either state your need or remain silent. A member of the Healing Guild gently lays hands upon you and, after a short silence, prays for you in Christ's name.



Healing prayer is quiet prayer involving just two people and God. It is a joint meditation shared by the three participants: one requesting prayer, one praying aloud, and our loving God who is closely with us.

The Healing Guild was founded in 1998 by the Reverend Elaine Hyde-Mills during her tenure at St Paul's as vocational deacon.

On certain Sundays of the year, the priest offers personal anointing with oil within the context of the Eucharist. Everyone is invited to receive God's healing in the act of sacramental anointing.



For persons whose sickness prevents their attendance at the Eucharist, the Home Communion ministers bring the Sacrament consecrated at that Sunday's Eucharist to individuals in their homes

In addition to these more organised, formal means of healing, parishioners acting on their own initiatives and in informal circumstances visit others who are sick, either at home or in hospital, to bring friendship and comfort to those in distress. In this way, everyone in his or her everyday life brings healing to the world, to those one knows and loves, and to oneself.

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up.
Epistle of James 5:14-15