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First Anna Chaplain in the Assemblies of God

Mavis Martin pioneers Anna Chaplaincy in Bridgend

We are delighted to welcome Mavis Martin as the new Anna Chaplain in Bridgend, Wales, and the first Anna Chaplain for the Pentecostal denomination, [The Assemblies of God](#), Great Britain.

Our Anna Chaplaincy Lead in Wales, the Revd Sally Rees, joined Mavis' family and well-wishers in the congregation at her local church, Emmanuel Christ Church, Bridgend.

'It was wonderful to be with Mavis Martin for her commissioning as Anna Chaplain for Bridgend,' said Sally. 'She was commissioned by her pastor, Vernon King. I gave the address, preaching on Mark 12:42-44 - the story of the widow's mite.

'It was all a marvellous celebration of Anna Chaplaincy ministry. Her church family are very warm and supportive,' said Sally.

Mavis Martin's story

Mavis moved from Belfast to South Wales in 1972. She has always had a love and concern for those who are vulnerable and excluded from society in general. In recent years, having volunteered in the chaplaincy team in her local hospital, she developed 'an absolute passion for the elderly and especially those walking their journey with dementia. As a Dementia Champion God opened doors for me to visit care homes in Bridgend doing "craft & communion" sessions in addition to the Brain & Soul sessions with the hospital chaplain.'

The chaplain introduced Mavis to Anna Chaplaincy and in 2018 she attended a 'Gift of Years' conference in Crickhowell. As Debbie Thrower outlined the vision of Anna Chaplaincy, Mavis felt called to the work. She finally began online training this year, with the support of her pastor and her local church, and is delighted to have been commissioned as Anna Chaplain in Bridgend.

'I believe that I am now in the perfect will of God for my life and that the most effective way of showing his love to our precious elderly generation is by serving them as an Anna Chaplain.'

To find out more about Anna Chaplaincy, click [here](#). To read Debbie Thrower's blog and see photos of Mavis' commissioning, click [here](#).

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