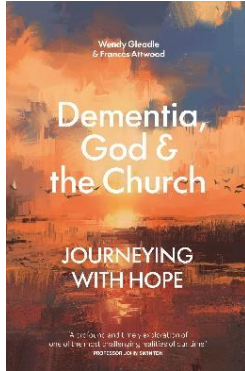


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Dementia, God and the Church

Journeying with hope

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Dementia is one of today's most feared health conditions, and Christians with the condition may also worry about losing their faith and their connection to God. However, there is still hope: those living with dementia can still find meaning in their life and their faith.

Written by two practitioners in this field, with a foreword by Professor John Swinton, *Dementia, God and the Church* aims to show how person-centred approaches to dementia can provide hope. Throughout, space is given to first-hand stories of those with dementia, those working with them and those caring for them. Professor John Swinton writes: '*Dementia, God, and the Church* is a reminder that even in the most difficult of journeys, there is hope. For those grappling with the realities of dementia, it offers encouragement and comfort. For caregivers, it provides guidance and affirmation. For the church, it presents an opportunity to embody Christ's compassion in new and transformative ways.'

Praise for *Dementia, God and the Church*

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'This is the book I needed when I set out in ministry to older people, and has now provided me with wisdom and cause for reflection.' *Brian Dunlop, chair of Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve Anna Chaplaincy*

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