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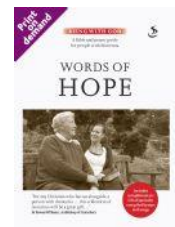
Discipling those with dementia: Resources

We hope the information on this page will be useful to anyone who engages with older people with dementia through services, discipleship groups, worship leading, pastoral visiting or as a carer.

Being with God Series: Words of Hope; Words of Peace; Words of Faith

Being with God is a series of Bible and prayer guides for people with dementia and those struggling with memory loss.

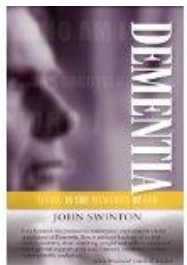
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Dementia: Living in the Memories of God

In this book John Swinton offers a practical theology of dementia for clergy, people with dementia, pastoral workers, hospital chaplains, and medical practitioners as he explores two primary questions: * Who am I when I've forgotten who I am? * What does it mean to love God and be loved by God when I have forgotten who God is? Offering compassionate and carefully considered theological and pastoral responses to dementia and forgetfulness, John Swinton redefines dementia in light of the transformative counter story that is the gospel.

www.amazon.co.uk



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Dementia, Through-Life Discipleship: Following Christ through the ages and changes of life

A really helpful article about living with dementia by John Swinton in the Church Times last week (based on his new book: *Dementia: Living in the Memories of God* (SCM Press): 'Who am I, when I have forgotten who I am?' Amongst other things, he notes that we tend to invest heavily in the idea of our identity being bound up with cognition, but this not need be the measure of our selves.

<http://throughlifediscipleship.weebly.com/1/category/dementia/1.html>

Dementia Resources

www.mha.org.uk

We have produced a booklet called Keeping in Touch which helps people to find ways of continuing to communicate with their loved ones who have dementia.

Various resources from Guildford Diocese

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/communities-engagement/health-wellbeing/dementia>

Aging, Dementia, and the Faith Community

Continuing the Journey of Friendship

Quote from the pamphlet: 'Congregations in our time are called to learn how to age together in grace, joy, friendship, service and faithful discipleship..... How do we continue to share a joyous, meaningful Christian friendship when our friend no longer remembers the story of our friendship? How can congregations extend hospitality and practice inclusion with cherished members who are journeying into progressive memory loss? How will we serve those outside of our congregations who experience dementia, or care for someone who does? As the 77 million members of the baby boom cohort move into late life, these questions will be critical to the mission and identity of the church.'

<http://d1swb5ay1qopx0.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/EP-pamphlet-16.pdf>

For more information on helping those with Dementia and carers visit the Alzheimers' Society

<http://www.alzheimers.org.uk>



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