

## PeterCares

PeterCares is a simple befriending project offering support by linking volunteer parishioner telephone callers with fellow parishioners. The support provided includes a friendly chat, continued connection with the parish, information about our virtual church, practical help where requested, and a conduit for prayer requests.

Since it was set up in March 2020 PeterCares callers have attempted to contact over 250 parishioners with well over 100 parishioners receiving regular follow on calls.

Our PeterCares call team is made up of parish volunteers who have satisfied Diocese guidelines and training on safeguarding. Callers are supported by experienced supervisors.

Many parishioners have told us that they are appreciative of the parish “reaching out” and keeping them connected by means of a friendly call with a fellow parishioner. Some quotes from those called were:

*“It is good to know there’s someone there for you”*

*“A reassurance that there is someone to listen and a connection to the church still”*

*“Having a chat with a PeterCarer is something I have enjoyed very much”*

In future we hope to maintain contact with parishioners who welcome a regular call whilst working alongside other parish ministries.

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