

Hidden Treasure in Cheshire East

*“And He will be the stability of your times. A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge;
The fear of the LORD is his treasure.” Isaiah 33 v 6.*

Embracing the older generation

Tuesday 2nd October

9.30am—3.30pm

St Michael and All Angels, Macclesfield.

This is what the LORD of Hosts says:

“Once again old men and women will walk Jerusalem’s streets with their canes
and will sit together in the city squares.” (Zech. 8 v 4)

Why?

Cheshire East has the fastest ageing population in the North West.

Many activities and pastoral support given to older people in our area is provided by Christians, both volunteers and paid staff and ministers. Much time is given and care helping, visiting and encouraging our older generation in many different ways. However, the combination of on-going cuts in funding, welfare reform and growing numbers mean that we must come together to understand the issues, and to find new ways to work together, helping each other and cooperating with local statutory bodies and others to meet the spiritual, social, emotional and practical needs of folk in Cheshire East.

What?

Cheshire East Council has launched an *Ageing Well Programme* with the aim of bringing partners together to help make Cheshire East a good place to grow old.

This conference is an initial response to gather Christians from across the whole of Cheshire East to pray and talk about how we can respond to the call. It is the first step to build better links, improve communications and connections among those with similar interests and concerns, and to understand the issues, opportunities and challenges before us.

The aim of the day is to engage with key leaders both nationally and locally, to understand priorities and agree real things that we can work on together to make a difference and prepare for the future.

Guests and contributors include: Dame Jo Williams (*Chair of the Care Quality Commission*), David Briggs (*Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire*), Cllr. David Brown (*Deputy Leader Cheshire East Council*), Cllr. Janet Clowes (*Cabinet Member, Health & Adult Social Care*), Bernadette Bailey (*Ageing Well Programme*), Rachel Zammit (*St Luke’s Hospice*).

Workshops will address some key issues and enable us to think about how we can reach and support more people, and each other. Topics will include: *Living with loss, Cheshire Living Well, Dying Well Programme, Spirituality and Ageing, Men-aging, Transport*. Christian leaders and others with particular expertise in aspects of this field.

Who?

This is not just for ministers. Although we do want you to come. If you are involved with any projects for older people or just want to know more and meet other like-minded people then please do join us for this important day.

Cost: *We don’t want money to be a barrier but are asking for a contribution of £10 towards costs.*

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Places are limited!

