14 September 2010

Dear Colleague,

The Age Ability Committee has arranged a half day seminar for clergy and laity on the pastoral care of people suffering from dementia at the **Dunadry Hotel, Templepatrick on Wednesday 20 October at 9.30am**. A light lunch will be provided.

Our special speaker is **The Rev Dr Heather Morris** who hosted a very well attended and accessible seminar on dementia two years ago. Heatheris a Methodist Minister and Director of Ministry at Edgehill Theological College, Belfast where she has a particular interest in practical care and pastoral theology.  Her PhD in Practical Theology is from the University of Edinburgh and focuses on pastoral communication with confused elderly people.

Heather will help us explore how the Church cares for people affected by dementia, both the individuals themselves and those who care for them. During the course of the two sessions, we will review the nature of dementia and some Christian reponses to it. We will focus on pastoral care, including leading worship that connects with those suffering from dementia and caring for carers. This will be a day in which we integrate theology and practice.

**Timetable** Registration & coffee 9.30am Session 1 10.00am – 11.00am Comfort break 11.00am – 11.20am Session 2 11.20am – 12.15pm Question time 12.15pm – 12.30pm lunch 12.45pm

**Directions** If travelling by the M2, exit at junction 5 and follow signs to Templepatrick. Go straight through the village and at roundabout take the second exit for Antrim and the Dunadry Hotel is about 1.5 miles on the left.

If travelling via Nutts Corner and Belfast International Airport, at the roundabout where you would turn left to go to the airport, instead, turn right and follow signs for Templepatrick. At roundabout take first left for Antrim and the Dunadry Hotel is about 1.5 miles on the left.

If you or some of your parishioners wish to attend the seminar, please return the application form by Friday 15 October 2010 to

Archdeacon Stephen McBride 10 Vicarage Gardens Antrim BT41 4JP

Spaces are limited to the first one hundred applicants.

Yours faithfully

I/we wish to attend the Age Ability Seminar at the Dunadry Hotel on Wednesday 20 October 2010 at 9.30am.

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Contact telephone number ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Please return application form by 15 October to:

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