

AGRICULTURAL & RURAL CHAPLAINCY

Church without



the walls (or roof!)

**Welcome to our church
- without walls or roof**



**This is where
we work...**



We also work here
with farmers...



...and in here



.....in here as well



....and here!

...and with other organisations as well



**Yes, you've got it - I work very
much 'outside the box'!**



Rural Chaplains spend most of their time:

'Being with' rural folk on their journey

Listening (Two ears-one mouth) - Befriending

Holding hands & hugging (metaphorically!!) Being
that shoulder to cry on (Orange Box)

NEVER giving advice

Praying with & for

In livestock centres consuming bacon wads and
endless mugs of tea!! Above all, BEING WITH

**Outreach in the truest
sense.**

**Ecumenical, multi-faith or
non at all.**



We are very much
'part of' the
Fresh Expressions Movement

www.freshexpressions.org.uk

A new way of 'BEING CHURCH' for
those who can't for whatever reason,
BE IN CHURCH for now!

**THE GOAL ISN'T TO GET
PEOPLE TO A CHURCH,**



**THE GOAL IS TO GET
PEOPLE TO JESUS.**

Once we have people coming

to Jesus,

then we stand a chance of

getting them to church!

Very importantly we

WORK WITH

local clergy!



Farmers problems include:

- Isolation & Loneliness.
- Stress.
- Farming has highest rate of male suicide of any profession. More than one suicide per week. (Defra figures -2019)
- Lack of funds from Rural Payments Scheme.
- Low milk, beef, lamb cereal prices.

- In 2020, wheat harvest down
- c. 40%. Some farmers will not be having a corn harvest this year, due to inability to plant last autumn or this spring.
- Fear of not being able to carry on farming - "my granddad's farm....".
- Brexit
- Succession planning.

However, you need a doctor,
solicitor or dentist
occasionally,

*...but you need a farmer
3 times each day!!*

*(There are few in the UK
that remember that!)*



**Agricultural &
Rural Chaplains
need to know a
bit about
farming and
how to talk to
farmers**



**It's really good
to talk!**

79% of Salisbury Diocese is
classified as Rural -

So where for the future?

Where will God lead us?

Any Questions/Comments

or

rotten Tomatoes?

