

# Parish Nursing Ministries UK 2024-25



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# Introduction



“Health is more than the absence of illness. It’s the presence of care.”

It’s been a full and fruitful year at Parish Nursing Ministries UK. This report offers a glimpse of the stories, statistics, and spirit behind the work.

As we look back, we do so with deep gratitude, for every Parish Nurse, partner church, supporter and volunteer who has made this possible.

Parish Nurses continue to meet people where they are: in churches, homes, markets, food banks and community spaces. Whether offering health checks, listening, prayer on request or support with mental health, they bring whole-person care rooted in faith.

We’ve seen new teams form, existing partnerships deepen, and the return of Parish Nursing to Wales. In all of this, the work remains grounded, faithful and quietly transformational. More churches are recognising Parish Nursing as a vital element of their outreach.

Thank you for being part of this story. We pray this report encourages and inspires you as we look ahead to our 20th year.

# PNMUK Strategy

## Equipping the Local Church for Whole-Person Care

In today's healthcare and faith landscape, equipping churches to care for the health and wellbeing of their communities is not a luxury but a vital need. Parish Nursing offers a model that integrates professional knowledge and skills with spiritual and pastoral care, helping churches live out their mission in tangible, compassionate ways.

By equipping and supporting nurses and churches/charities in local settings, PNMUK sets the standard for safe, excellent, and spiritually rooted Parish Nursing. Through preparation courses, ongoing professional development, and regional support networks, we invest in people who are making health and hope visible at street level.

## Strengthening the Movement for Long-Term Impact

Alongside frontline delivery, PNMUK works strategically to strengthen the wider movement of Parish Nursing across the UK. This means building partnerships with churches, charities, funders, and national bodies who share our vision for community-based, faith-informed healthcare.

Our strategic focus is on strengthening the support we offer to Parish Nurses and churches, increasing visibility through digital platforms and events, and responding to new opportunities where communities are seeking Parish Nursing. By focusing on sustainability, visibility, and collaboration, we aim to build a future where Parish Nursing is part of the public imagination, recognised, trusted, and multiplying in impact.



# The Year in Numbers

Behind every number is a person, a story, a moment of care. These figures offer a glimpse into the reach and impact of Parish Nursing this year. Whether through a health check at a livestock market or a quiet conversation in a church hall, this work continues to grow through time, presence, and compassion.



## Reach

- **91** partner churches
- **1** new service in Wales
- **140** people helped at farmers' markets



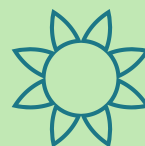
## Equipping

- **14** nurses trained
- **11** completed courses
- **5** partnership events



## Engagement

- **68** at Annual Symposium
- **62** attended Explore Online
- **37** churches represented at Explore Online



## Recognition

- **9** attended the Florence Nightingale Service
- **10%** of nurses associated with PNMUK are Queen's Nurses

Parish Nursing is now in all four UK Nations: Scotland, Northern Ireland, England, with Wales restarting this year.



**2023: 85 Parish Nurses**

**2024: 86 Parish Nurses**

**2025: 84 Parish Nurses**

While the number remains steady, this reflects natural turnover and a sustainable model shaped by local need and faithful continuity.



People Supported

**21,196**

Group Setting

**15,018**

One to One

This is a National estimate from a sample. We don't know the full reach of Parish Nursing, but improved health and wellbeing often ripple out strengthening relationships and community connection.



New Churches  
Engaging

Total

**36,214**

11,351 not regular worshippers

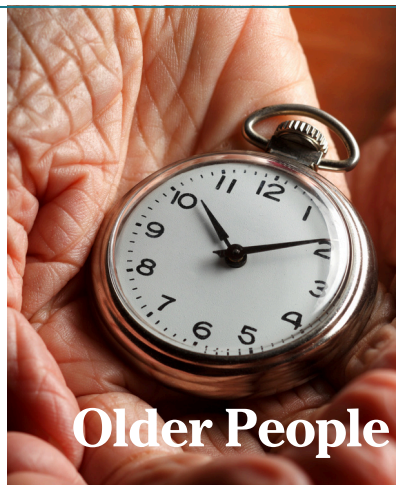
2,792 New clients

# Parish Nurses at Work

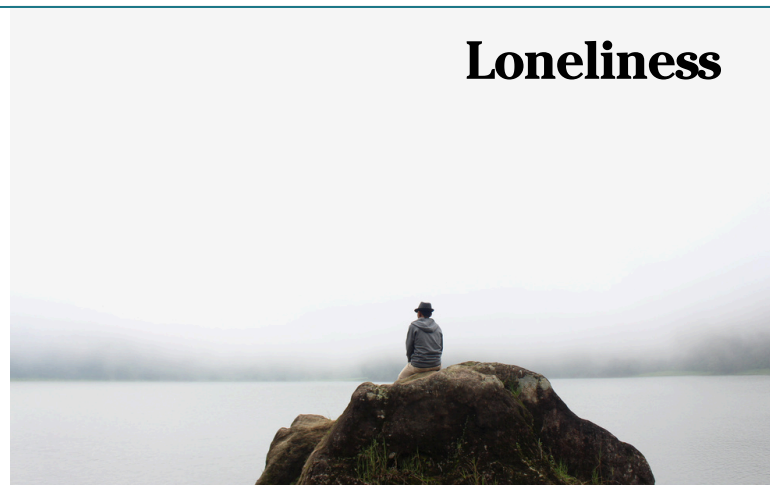
Parish Nurses are embedded in local life, reaching people who are often unseen by mainstream services. From farmers in Cambridgeshire to fishing families in North Tyneside, from those facing loneliness in suburban churches to asylum seekers in urban drop-ins, this work adapts to each context. Across all four nations of the UK, Parish Nurses are walking with people through illness, isolation, recovery, and everyday life. Below offers a visual glimpse of where that care is happening, and who it's for.



**Homelessness**



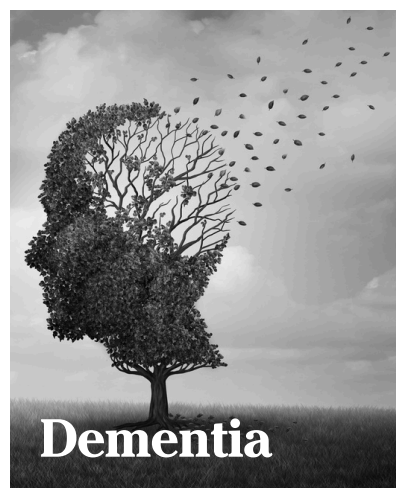
**Older People**



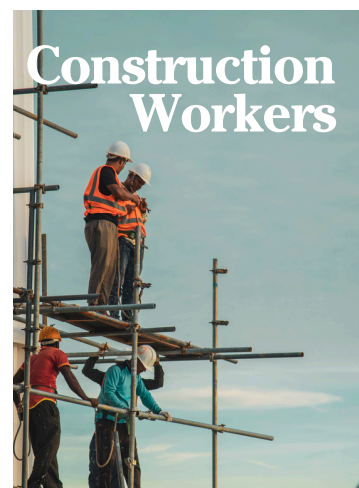
**Loneliness**



**Mental Health**



**Dementia**



**Construction Workers**



**Fishing Communities**



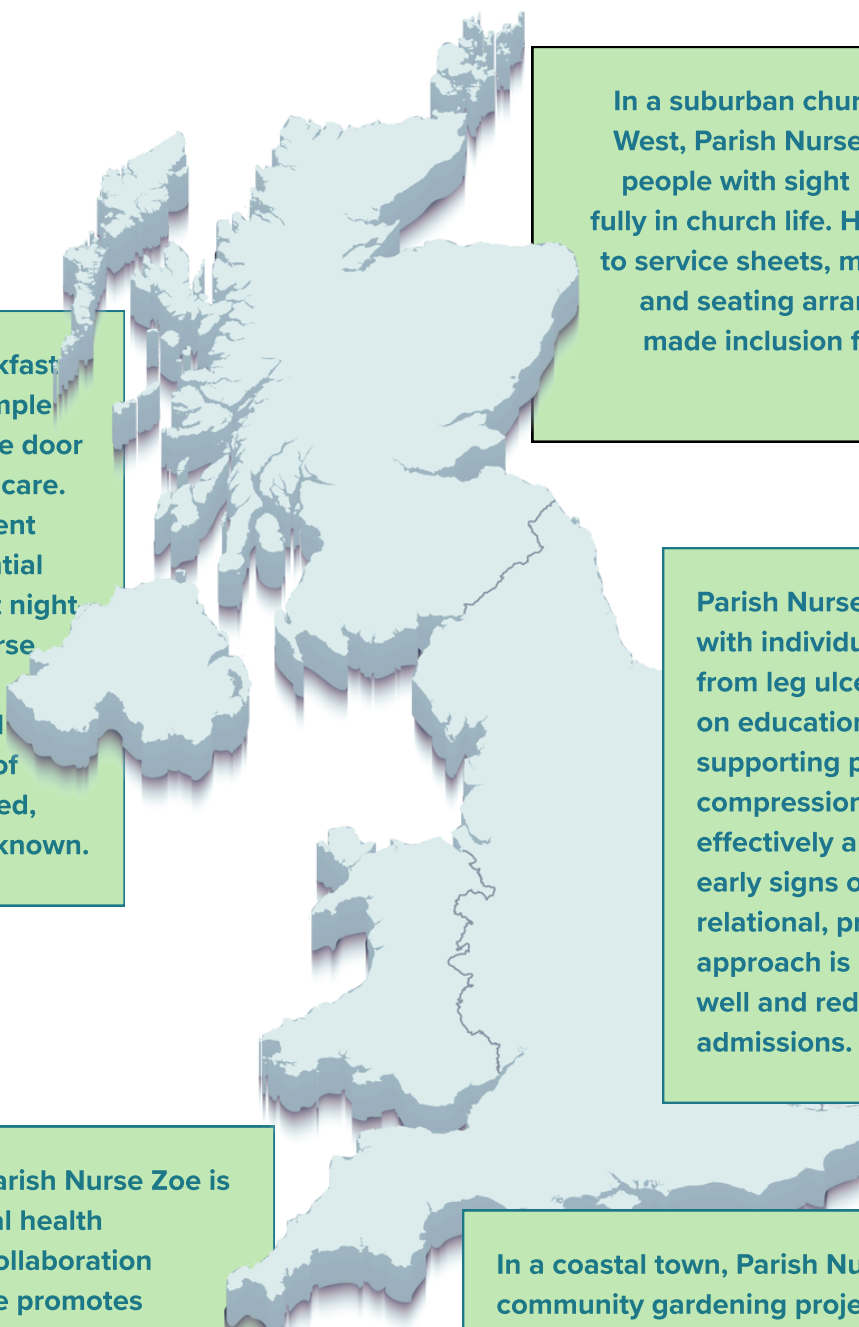
**Rural Farming Communities**



**Asylum Seekers**

# 20 Years of Parish Nursing

2025 marks twenty years of Parish Nursing in the UK. As we celebrate this milestone, we're reflecting on the places, people, and partnerships that bring this work to life. Each of the stories on this page shows how Parish Nurses are responding to local needs with compassion, professionalism, and presence, from city centres to coastal towns, from isolated farms to suburban streets.



At a livestock market breakfast in a rural community, a simple “How are you?” opened the door to grief, conversation, and care. One farmer shared his recent bereavement in a confidential space. Others asked about night shift health and stress. Nurse Jen and her team offered blood pressure checks and health advice. Four cases of hypertension were identified, two of them previously unknown.

In her Cornish village, Parish Nurse Zoe is a trusted part of the local health landscape. Working in collaboration with the GP practice, she promotes health, offers informal advice, and provides continuity of care that many residents would otherwise lack.

In a suburban church in the North West, Parish Nurse Lisa is helping people with sight loss participate fully in church life. Her adjustments to service sheets, microphone use, and seating arrangements have made inclusion feel normal, not exceptional.

Parish Nurse Joanne works with individuals recovering from leg ulcers. Her focus is on education and prevention, supporting people to use compression hosiery effectively and recognise early signs of recurrence. Her relational, preventative approach is keeping people well and reducing re-admissions.

In a coastal town, Parish Nurse Vicky led a community gardening project funded by the National Garden Scheme. What began as a derelict patch of land is now a vibrant green space producing food, offering beauty, and creating a sense of belonging for people in temporary housing

# Parish Nursing:

## A spotlight on Northern Ireland



“One of the most important things I do is listen. People need to know someone sees them and will walk with them through it.”

In a vibrant community in Northern Ireland, Parish Nurse Bob supports the congregation of St Marks Armagh. Working with the ministry team, he offers a blend of professional support, pastoral care, and spiritual presence. Much of his work happens in people’s homes, through hospital visits, or during follow-up care after illness or injury.

Bob helps individuals manage ongoing health conditions, understand medical guidance, and access services they may struggle to navigate on their own. He also offers emotional support, prayer, and time to talk. He is known and trusted by the local GP practice, often acting as a link between families and healthcare providers.

This kind of work rarely makes headlines. It takes place quietly, through long-term presence and trust. Over time, people grow in confidence, feel less isolated, and begin to see the church as a place that walks with them in practical ways.

His story captures the essence of Parish Nursing in Northern Ireland: relational, consistent, and rooted in local life.

# A Minister's Perspective

## St Marks Church, Armagh

“Bob opens doors we would never reach on our own. He builds trust with people who may not attend a service, but who know they are being cared for.”

In Bob's church in Northern Ireland, Parish Nursing has become a vital part of the church's presence in the community. What began as a vision to care more deeply for those beyond the church walls has become a trusted, reliable expression of faith in action.

Rev. Kingston describes Bob's work as a natural extension of the church's pastoral heart. While the church continues to offer spiritual support, prayer, and community, Bob's clinical background brings an added layer of care that few congregations could otherwise provide. His training, professionalism, and steady presence allow the church to respond in meaningful ways to health needs that might otherwise be missed.

This partnership has helped the church serve its wider Parish with dignity and depth. It has also encouraged the congregation to see care as a shared responsibility. Members now feel more confident signposting neighbours to the Parish Nurse, knowing they will be met with kindness, skill, and discretion.

For Rev. Kingston, Parish Nursing is not a project or a programme. It is a quiet shift in the church's posture one that opens up relationships, brings healing into everyday places, and reflects the compassion of Christ in a form people can see and trust.



# Innovation at PNMUK

In July 2024, our Regional Nurse Coordinators gathered in Peterborough for a time of reflection, connection, and learning. As part of the one-day meeting, the team explored **Resilience-based Clinical Supervision**, a model grounded in evidence and designed to strengthen reflective practice, emotional wellbeing, and professional confidence. This approach will now guide our quarterly supervision sessions for Parish Nurses.

Supervision is one of the core supports PNMUK provides. Many Parish Nurses work alone in local churches or charities, without the daily professional connection found in traditional healthcare settings.

These sessions offer a vital space to pause, reflect, and learn alongside peers. They help nurses remain grounded, encouraged, and equipped for the deeply personal and often complex nature of their work.

By prioritising supervision, we are supporting the long-term sustainability of Parish Nursing, both for the nurses themselves and for the communities they faithfully serve.



# Awards at PNMUK



In May 2024, a group of Parish Nurses from across the UK attended the Florence Nightingale Commemoration Service at Westminster Abbey. It was a beautiful and moving time of remembrance and recommitment to the founding values of the profession. PNMUK was given ten tickets, and we were proud to be represented by nurses alongside our Chair of Trustees, Steve Fouch, nurse Trustee Joyce Fletcher, and Director of Nursing Anne Taylor. We hope this marks the beginning of a new tradition.

In June, Parish Nurse Madeleine Watts received the Luke 5 Award for Christian Disability Inclusion, from Through the Roof (Christian Disability Charity). The award honours her practical work to remove barriers and create a more inclusive church. She made large-print service sheets available, ensured microphones were used in meetings, and rearranged seating so that wheelchair users could sit wherever they preferred.



In September, three Parish Nurses were recognised with the prestigious title, Queen's Nurse. This brings the number of Queen's Nurses to 10 percent of all Parish Nurses linked with PNMUK. It is a sign of growing professional strength within our community.



# Supporting PNMUK

Every act of care begins with someone who makes it possible.

Parish Nursing Ministries UK exists to equip, encourage, and support Parish Nurses and their churches/charities across the country. This work continues because of the generosity and faithfulness of others. Churches, individuals, volunteers, and funders all play a part in helping this movement grow.

PNMUK does not receive government funding. Instead, we are resourced by those who believe in whole-person care, local mission, and the quiet power of presence. Supporters help fund nurse equipping, accreditation, supervision, development resources, and the daily running of a growing UK-wide network.

Some give monthly. Others leave a legacy. Many partner as churches, helping to establish or sustain a Parish Nursing service in their community. Each gift, whether large or small, helps ensure that nurses are supported, churches are equipped, and people continue to receive compassionate, professional care close to home.



*“Supporting Parish Nursing is one of the most meaningful things I do. I know my gift helps someone be present when it matters most.”*

*Monthly donor, Surrey*

Together, we are shaping a model of care that is rooted in faith, built on trust, and transforming lives across the UK.

**Thank you for helping make this work possible.**

To explore ways to support Parish Nursing, visit [Parishnursing.org.uk](https://parishnursing.org.uk) or contact our team.

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# In Closing

As we step into our 20th year, we do so with deep gratitude and fresh anticipation. We look ahead with hope, knowing that Parish Nursing continues to offer a vital expression of care, faith, and community.

In the next 20 years of Parish Nursing we are asking bold questions: Where are we not yet present? Which communities are still underserved? How can we raise up the next generation of Parish Nurses? We believe the future of healthcare needs the local church more than ever, and we are here to equip it.

We are thankful for every church, nurse, supporter, funder, and volunteer who makes this work possible. Your prayers, your time, and your generosity have helped shape a quiet movement of presence and healing across the UK.

Thank you for being part of it.

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