

Dear Friends

We are living in challenging times. Anger between young people often breaks out, resulting in heartbreaking loss of life. Still in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, the virus is still spreading, affecting young people, in addition to older folk, particularly those not vaccinated. In the United Kingdom, economic changes associated with the break from the European Union and the forging of new economic links with other countries is proving as disruptive as expected. The future is uncertain for young and old alike.



**CHRIST HEALING AN INFIRM WOMAN
BY JAMES TISSOT, 1886–1896**

It is enlightening to consider where Jesus Christ placed his emphasis for change. His message of compassion for and healing of others without regard for their status in society is highly relevant to us in today's world. Jesus informs us how we might regard health and social care nowadays. These are not 'also ran' items in a long list of priorities. For Jesus, both occupied centre stage in his thinking and in his acting. Should they do so for us today?

Indeed, a focus on health was particularly marked last century: though social care seemed to remain the poor sister of health.

In the church calendar during the week of Trinity 19 - this week - the church remembers a wide variety and range of focus by Christians through the



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ages: Ethelburga, abbess 675, James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus 7th century; Wilfrid: bishop and missionary, 709, Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer 1845 and Edith Cavell, nurse 1915; Edward the Confessor, king 1066; Teresa of Avila a reformer of monasteries 1582 and Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer bishops and martyrs 1555.

Christ has over the centuries called women and men into so many areas of need, sparking innovation and renewal through the ages: and continues to do so in our age too. Let us open our own eyes and see the inspiration of Christ and the living saints in the world today!



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