



Why do we need to have a Sunday for healthcare?

- **More people pass through the nation's hospitals each week than through its churches.**
- On average the NHS deals with **one million patients** every 36 hours
- The NHS employs more than **1.5 million people**, making it the fifth biggest employer on Earth.

So, what happens in our hospitals, clinics and GP surgeries every day matters to a *lot* of people.

But why should it matter to us as a church?

- Caring work is very **close to God's heart** – e.g. Matthew 25:37-49
- Jesus always had special **concern for the vulnerable and needy**, e.g. John 5:1-15
- **Many of his followers work within the NHS** – sharing his love and compassion
- That's as many as **1 in 10 of all NHS staff!**

There are tens of thousands of Christians working at every level of the NHS, being salt and light and bearing witness to Jesus Christ

- In addition, there are many who provide **voluntary care in the community.**
- So here in this church you will almost certainly have current and past NHS staff and carers
- People working in the NHS face many challenges:
 - Increased demand for services
 - Lack of staff
 - Lack of time
 - Bullying in the workplace

It can be a cause of **stress and anxiety**

Christians working in the NHS face particular challenges.

Any expression of Christian faith can bring difficulties for Christian health professionals

So, what can we do as a church?

- **Healthcare Sunday** is an opportunity to **encourage and pray** for all of those involved in healthcare
- The more we invite God to move, the greater the impact!

For more resources and information visit the Healthcare Sunday resources page on the website of **Christian Medical Fellowship** at

www.cmf.org.uk/healthcaresunday