



Oh to have a Chaplain

'buddy' colleague!

Everyone knows of the pressures upon the UK farming industry.

The impact of these pressures upon relationships between husbands, wives, siblings, workers and colleague families are wide and varied. Pressures are often beyond the power of individuals on the farm e.g. climate variability or changes in Bank or Government direction. Then issues which are in the power of the individual but ill health etc, or inherited ways of seeing things get in the way of positive relationships and become destructive.



Farmers & Friends Singing Group returns into 2026

Did you see the Farmers & Friends Singing Group perform at the Lincolnshire Farmers' Carol Service?

Is your New Year's Resolution to start singing or try something new and have more fun in 2026? Then why not join us for a sing? On the first Thursday of the month at Bailgate Methodist Church, 6.30 till 8.00 pm.

Remember a loved one and support Lincolnshire Rural Charities

This year, an amazing, unique field of individual metal Ears of Corn will appear at the Lincolnshire Show, each ear lovingly handcrafted by talented Lincolnshire blacksmith Cameron Huggins. Help us bring this memorial field to life.

Purchase an Ear of Corn to remember a loved one who has passed, then take it home after the Lincolnshire Show and plant it in your garden. Each ear of corn is £40 with proceeds being split between the three rural Lincolnshire Charities, Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, Lincolnshire Rural & Agricultural Chaplaincy and Lincolnshire Rural Support Network. Check out our website for more details.



These past few years, as Agricultural Chaplain, the complexity and intensity HAS increased, simply put, I would welcome a colleague to walk with on cases and see that Chaplain 'fly' alone to cases.

The USP (unique selling point) of "Charlie Chaplaincy" is that we can go and see situations uninvited, unlike our Lincolnshire Rural Support Network (LRSN) friends and colleagues, who require to be 'invited' or 'called' upon. Indeed LRSN, often, has asked the Chaplain to 'just see' the lay of the land.

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I am hugely grateful that the purpose of raising funds by LRAC in FACT the only purpose of Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy (LRAC Fund) is now going to be used to find the right person to work, albeit part time, this will help enormously! A paid post has some 'skin' in the game and I know LRSN will also welcome this extra support.

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Roll on to exciting days ahead!



**Blowing in the breeze.
Heads bowing as you walk by.
Remember that your loved one is always close by.**

LRAC in 2025

...a year in pictures



A big 'thank you' to those that took part, to those that donated and to everyone for helping raise awareness of the unique role of the chaplaincy service.



We have now raised 37% of our target of £1 million

In the last year, our funds have increased from £245,000 to over £370,000

We are now recruiting a part time chaplain to support Alan and help even more people from the farming community. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation in the last year, we appreciate your support. Our appeal is still live to build a fund to secure this post in perpetuity, if you wish to contribute personally or hold an event to raise funds, we would be very grateful.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 5th February
Farmers & Friends Choir
Resumes practice at the Bailgate Methodist Church, Lincoln
6.30 to 8.00 pm
First Thursday of the month.

Thursday 12th February
Lincolnshire Farming Conference

Sunday 10th May
Rogation Sunday

17th & 18th June
Lincolnshire Show
Meet the Chaplains Event



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