



I ask that your minds
may be opened to see
His light, so that you
will know what is the
hope to which He has
called you, how rich
are the wonderful
blessings He
promises His people.

Paul's prayer

Ephesians 1:18 GNT

What do people say?

'One of the best Christian events on abortion I have ever been to.'
GP and Church Leader, Kettering.

'Shortly after attending the miscarriage training session, a lady in our church felt comfortable to talk to someone about their miscarriage experiences and we have now been able to offer ongoing support through our pastoral team. Success!

This is why we have held these training events, so that people can be supported whatever situation they find themselves in.'

Church Leader, Stourbridge.

'The session was full of people who were passionate about learning how to support people well, coming together to learn and grow.'

Michelle - Asking for a Friend attendee.

'Thank you! What a helpful way to spend a lunch hour! It was packed full of so much good stuff.'

Asking for a Friend attendee.



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Training
Events

Equipping Church Leaders
Raising Awareness



Open.

One in three women in the UK will have had an abortion by the time they are 45. **OPEN's** vision is to lift the silence which so often surrounds this issue, and to help churches create an environment where crisis pregnancy and post abortion concerns can be spoken of with grace and compassionate understanding.



Loved.

In the UK, one in four pregnancies ends in miscarriage, and yet this loss is also rarely spoken of in church, and the grief is surrounded by a lonely silence. **LOVED** seeks to raise awareness of the issues surrounding miscarriage and the impact on those who have experienced it.

What training do OPEN and LOVED provide?

Training resources give information and practical tools to church leaders, pastoral workers and friends to help open up the conversation around these topics, and to bring an appropriate response.

An awareness of support offered by OPEN and LOVED will help those affected by these issues to address their concerns in safe and confidential settings.

Resources offered:

- One day training events for church leaders and pastoral workers, shaped around the context of your church or group of churches.
- Seminars at Christian events.
- Lectures for those in theological colleges.
- Shorter online training sessions.
- 'Asking for a Friend' online lunchtime sessions.
- OPEN and LOVED Healing Retreats.



From Jenny...

For over 30 years I have been involved with those affected by crisis pregnancy and baby loss.

It is a huge privilege to bring the message of OPEN to churches and the wider community.

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