



broom tree CHIME group is led by Christians living with a mental health problem.

We join together for companionship, encouragement and spiritual growth.

Each meeting includes a time of welcome, worship and discussion using principles from the Bible that can help with well-being.

Monday – 11am to 12.30pm
Darlington Baptist Church

- ◆ **C**onected
- ◆ **H**ope
- ◆ **I**ntity in Christ
- ◆ **M**eaning and Purpose in Life
- ◆ **E**mpowering

Support for Church Leaders

We are here to educate, equip and encourage churches.

What is already available?

- A professional website with resources to support the Church in Darlington as well as links to Christian and secular resources
- An Access Pack to help churches get started
- Guidelines to transform your church into a friendly place
- Face book social media
- Support from broom tree with education and training and other forms of encouragement
- Links with Adult Social care and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Mental Health Chaplaincy Service

**Don't Follow the Patterns of the World
Be an Example of Jesus in this World**



Working with the Churches in Darlington to Support People with Mental Health Problems



About us

We are Christians living with a mental illness and/or qualified by training within mental health services.

We came together to provide support to Christians living with a mental health problem, who are either disconnected from church community or are at the margins of one.

We started the first of our discipleship groups at Darlington Baptist Church where people can *'Love God – Love People and Live Life'* with the encouragement of their peers and the family of God.

Our group has grown and attracted Christians from other denominations - who are encouraged to continue worshipping and playing a full part in their home church- as well as those who have re-connected with church or are new believers.

We hold people with an open hand and support them to connect with the church that they feel the Spirit is drawing them to. Of course, we are delighted if they choose to join the Darlington Baptist Church family, in fact a number of people now worship with us on a Sunday and have become members.

Our experience at Darlington Baptist Church is that broom tree has been a blessing as people encounter one another and grow in the likeness of Jesus. Those with a mental illness are being welcomed into the body of Christ and are now using their talents and spiritual gifts in church life. We started by aiming to bless others and ended up being blessed!

Our vision

We pledge to support churches in our community to become Friendly Places that welcome and support Christians struggling with their mental health

What people say....

“Being part of broom tree means so much to me and has helped me to see how God views me and that I have a purpose”.

“I feel accepted and loved for who I am and supported in my walk with Jesus. I was alone and discouraged and I feel a little stronger now to cope with life”.

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