Dementia and Spirituality
An introductory reading list

This list has been produced by the Christian Council on Ageing Dementia Group. It does not aim to be comprehensive but should be of interest to those caring for people living with dementia and concerned about their spiritual needs. Items are listed in chronological order beginning with the most recently published. The majority of books and articles listed here can be obtained either through the Library and Information Service at the Stirling Dementia Services Development Centre or from the organisations listed at the end. A considerably longer bibliography of relevant publications is also available for academic researchers. For further copies of this list (price £2.00) or for the longer bibliography (price £3.00) please send a cheque payable to CCOA to Alison Johnson, 33 The Plain, Brailsford, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 3BZ. Copies can also be downloaded from the web http://rps.gn.apc.org/leveson/resources/study-ccoa.htm

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<td>2005</td>
<td>HIGGINS, Patricia</td>
<td>Bringing spiritual light into dementia care.</td>
<td>Journal of Dementia Care 13(2), March/April 2005, 10–11.</td>
<td>A description of the Candlelight Group which brings together a small group of people with dementia in a day hospital in Sutton, Surrey for a regular act of worship. The project won the Queen’s Nursing Institute/Alzheimer’s Society award for excellence and innovation.</td>
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<td>HIGGINS, Patricia and ALLEN, Richard</td>
<td>Lighting the way: spiritual and religious care for those with dementia.</td>
<td>London: South West London and St George’s Mental Health NHS Trust, 2005.</td>
<td>A booklet describing the establishment, principles and ethos of the Candlelight Group for people with dementia in day care, together with weekly service outlines for the whole year.</td>
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<td>KIRKBRIDE, Susan</td>
<td>A restorative for the soul.</td>
<td>Journal of Dementia Care 13(2), March/April 2005, 12-13.</td>
<td>The author explains the background to a collaborative production of a CD of favourite hymns for older people based on a survey carried out with a sample of people for whom the CD was intended, many of whom were living with dementia.</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>GOLDSMITH, Malcolm</td>
<td>In a strange land: people with dementia and the local church – a guide and encouragement for ministry.</td>
<td>Edinburgh: 4M Publications, 2004.</td>
<td>This book, written by someone who has spent many years as a parish priest, is full of reflections and suggestions for ministry with people with dementia, either in church congregations, care homes or families.</td>
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<td>GOLDSMITH, Malcolm</td>
<td>Spirituality, religion and faith in dementia care.</td>
<td>Journal of Dementia Care 12(4), July/August 2004, 28–30.</td>
<td>A reflection on what religious and spiritual ideas have to offer to people with dementia and on relations between churches and people with dementia.</td>
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Author: HAMMOND, Gaynor and TREETOPS, Jackie
Title: The wells of life.
Abstract: The writers explore from their considerable experience how to capture moments of worship with people who have dementia, tapping the resources that lie within.

Author: KILLICK, John, HAMMOND, Gaynor and KNOCKER, Sally
Title: Seeing the person beyond the dementia.
Abstract: Papers presented at a Leveson seminar in 2004. In ‘Touching the strings at the centre of your heart: learning love from people with dementia’, John Killick describes his work in communicating with people with dementia. Gaynor Hammond speaks of reminiscence and the memory box in ‘Rediscovering the person through sharing memories’ and in ‘Reaching the parts that matter: connecting with the whole person through activities’, Sally Knocker examines the needs of older people with dementia, suggesting that time, attention, human contact, conversation, a friendly smile are some of the most important gifts we can offer.

Author: LLOYD, Murray
Title: Understanding spirituality: tuning in to the inner being.
Abstract: A retired geriatrician from New South Wales, Australia, discusses a step-by-step approach to a view of dementia care through ‘spiritually enhanced active listening’ which engages fully with the person with dementia in the context of their spiritual needs and expressions.

2003

Author: DEMENTIA
Title: Dementia, Religion and Spirituality.
Source: Dementia The International Journal of Social Research and Practice, 02(03), 2003.
Abstract: Special issue. Contents:
- Jon C Stuckey and Lisa P Gwyther, Editorial: Dementia, religion and spirituality
- Lisa Snyder, Satisfactions and challenges in spiritual faith and practice for persons with dementia
- Towako Katsuno, Personal spirituality of persons with early–stage dementia: Is it related to perceived quality of life?
- Jon C Stuckey, Faith, aging, and dementia: Experiences of Christian, Jewish, and non–religious spousal caregivers and older adults
- Carol J Farran and Mary Horton Elliott, Spirituality in multicultural caregivers of persons with dementia
- Robert M Lawrence, Aspects of spirituality in dementia care: When clinicians tune into silence
- Helen Gilmour, Faith Gibson and Jim Campbell, Living alone with dementia: A case study approach to understanding risk
- Daphne Wallace, Spiritual Care and the Person with Dementia: The Development of Guidelines to Support Staff Working with People with Dementia
- Who Live at Home with their Carers
- Latifa Ismail and Jennifer Mackenzie, Convening and facilitating support groups for South Asian family carers of people with dementia: experiences and challenges.
Author: HIGGINS, Patricia
Title: Holding a religious service for people with dementia.
Source: Journal of Dementia Care 11(3), May/June 2003, 10–11.
Abstract: Written from the viewpoint of a charge nurse, this article looks at how holding a religious service can enrich life and well-being for people with dementia. This has extended into a weekly Candlelight Group on the ward which meets for prayer.

Author: JEREMIAH, Margaret
Title: Alone with dementia.
Abstract: A moving personal account from a Quaker perspective of the unfolding of a dementing illness from a loving partner taking on the role of ‘carer’. It illustrates some of the triumphs and failures of current services.

Author: JEWELL, Albert (ed)
Title: Ageing, spirituality and well-being.
Abstract: This book brings together the papers from the international conference with this title held in Durham in 2002. The papers explore how the particular spiritual needs of older people can be defined and addressed and how meaningful care and support can be given. It includes a chapter by John Killick entitled ‘Magic mirrors’.

Author: MacKINLEY, Elizabeth (ed)
Title: Mental health and spirituality in later life.
Abstract: Explores the relationship between mental health, spirituality and religion including the search for meaning, cultural issues, spiritual issues, dementia and depression. Includes a chapter ‘Dementia – a spiritual journey towards the divine’ by Christine Bryden who writes about her faith and her Alzheimer’s disease.
ISBN: 0–7890–2123–4

Author: McDONALD, Suzanne
Title: Memory’s tomb: dementia and a theology of Holy Saturday.
Abstract: In the first in a new series of Aspects of Ageing Papers, the author attempts to find a theological language for dementia in the light of Alan Lewis’s exploration of Holy Saturday as a ‘no man’s land’ and time of waiting. She relates this to Malcolm Goldsmith’s ‘remembered by God’ model and concludes that ‘we can offer the true depths of God’s promise that our identities are upheld in God’s own remembering’.

Author: READ, Kate, PHILLIPS, Jill, TIBBS, Margaret Anne and JOHNSON, Alison M
Title: Dementia: improving quality of life.
Abstract: Papers presented at a Leveson seminar in 2003 including an overview of the nature of dementia; practical hands-on examples of a person-centred approach based on research carried out at MHA Care Group, a consideration of the important issue of communication with people with dementia and an exploration of ways in which faith survives or fails to survive under this assault on the self. An additional paper looks at the importance of
everyday activity for people with dementia and a bibliography suggests further reading in the field of dementia and spirituality.

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<td>ROFF, Lucinda Lee and PARKER, Michael W</td>
<td>Spirituality and Alzheimer’s disease care.</td>
<td>Alzheimer’s Care Quarterly 4(4), 2003, 267–72.</td>
<td>A growing body of research evidence underscores the importance of spirituality in late life adaptation to chronic disease. Similarly, religious coping has been found to be a significant source of support to family members and carers of people with dementia. Despite these trends, interventions that explicitly take into account the spirituality and religious traditions of persons with Alzheimer’s disease and their families are rare. This article explores some of the ways that spiritual and religious concerns can be more fully incorporated into Alzheimer’s disease care.</td>
<td>1–84310–129–7</td>
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<td>AIREY, Jo, HAMMOND, Gaynor, KENT, Pam and MOFFITT, Laraine</td>
<td>Frequently asked questions on spirituality and religion.</td>
<td>Leeds: Faith in Elderly People, 2002.</td>
<td>A booklet produced by four project workers in response to the questions they are frequently asked about spirituality and religion and the relationship between the two.</td>
<td>1–85775–931–1</td>
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<td>ALLEN, Brian</td>
<td>Religious practice and people with dementia: a resource for carers.</td>
<td>Newcastle: Christian Council on Ageing, 2002.</td>
<td>Religious belief and practice is for some people with dementia a vital part of their spirituality. This book contains basic introductory information to five major world faiths (Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism) with prayers and sacred readings.</td>
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Author: BRUCE, Errollyn, SURR, Claire and TIBBS, Margaret Anne
Title: A special kind of care: improving well-being in people living with dementia.
Source: Derby: MHA Care Group, 2002.
Abstract: The report of research commissioned from the Bradford Dementia Group shortly before the death of Professor Tom Kitwood. A longitudinal study of 93 residents with dementia in ten MHA care homes, it found that their well-being was very fragile and could easily be upset by what might otherwise seem to be small events and trivial interactions and that the special understanding of staff played a key role in contributing towards well-being.

Author: CHRISTIAN COUNCIL ON AGEING
Title: Living with dementia: resources from Christian organisations.
Source: Derby: CCOA and Methodist Homes, 2002
Abstract: Details of publications and resources from Christian-based organisations which aim to assist people living with dementia and their carers

Author: HAMMOND, Gaynor
Title: The friendship club: a practical way of caring.
Source: Leeds: Faith in Elderly People, 2002
Abstract: An account of an innovative club founded in a local church where people with dementia and their carers are welcomed and supported by trained volunteers.

Author: HAMMOND, Gaynor
Title: The memory box.
Abstract: An explanation of the memory box containing treasures from the past which can help an older person with dementia to retain their identity and personhood.

Author: SAUNDERS, James
Title: Dementia: pastoral theology and pastoral care.
Abstract: Puts forward an argument for a Christian understanding which is inclusive of people with dementia. Includes advice on pastoral care for the person with dementia.

Author: STRATEGIES FOR LIVING PROJECT
Title: ‘Taken seriously’ – The Somerset Spirituality Project.
Abstract: The Somerset Spirituality Project examined the religious and spiritual needs and resources of mental health service users/survivors, mostly through interviews. This research confirmed the users’ perception of need for spiritual care.

2001

Author: CANTLEY, Caroline (ed)
Title: A handbook of dementia care.
Abstract: Presents an overview of the current knowledge in the field of dementia care. In three sections: the first, ‘Understanding dementia’, looks at the biomedical and clinical perspectives, the psychological perspectives, personhood, sociology, philosophical and
spiritual aspects, experience of people with dementia, carers; the second, ‘Practice knowledge and development’, looks at practice development, assessment, care planning and management, ethnic minorities, communication, therapeutic activities, care settings and the environmental design, ethics; the third, ‘Policy, organisations and research’, covers policy, organisations, quality, involving users, research and practice. See especially the chapter on philosophical and spiritual perspectives by P A Coleman and Marie Mills.

ISBN 0–335–20383–3

Author CHRISTIAN COUNCIL ON AGEING
Title Visiting people with dementia.
Abstract Suggestions for people making visits, particularly pastoral, to people with dementia.

Author CHRISTIAN COUNCIL ON AGEING
Title Worship for people with dementia.
Abstract Suggestions for developing a Christian act of worship for people with dementia.

Author COTTER, Angela
Title Healing where night shadows meet.
Abstract Looks at how real communication in dementia care requires a meeting or a relationship at depth in the moment, a kind of spirituality that often acknowledges and affirms the unseen nature of a person. Fourteen references.

Author JEWELL, Albert
Title Older people and the churches.
Abstract The two chapters by Larine Moffitt and by Gaynor Hammond and Jackie Treetops discuss the dangers of people with dementia being marginalised by the churches.


Author KILLICK, John and ALLAN, Kate
Title Communication and the care of people with dementia.
Abstract Looks at the challenges, opportunities and ethical dilemmas associated with interacting with people with dementia. It assists readers to ‘understand the need to see the “me” within the “he” or “she”’.

ISBN 0–335–20775–8 or 0–335–20774–X (paperback)

Author MacKINLAY, Elizabeth
Title The spiritual dimension of ageing.
Abstract Gives clear and practical guidance to health, social care, and religious practitioners seeking to identify and meet the spiritual needs of elderly people in their caring role. Some mention of spirituality and people with dementia.

MacKINLAY, Elizabeth, ELLOR, James W and PICKARD, Stephen (eds)

Aging, spirituality and pastoral care: a multi-national perspective.

Abstract

ISBN
0–7890–1669–9

NARAYANASAMY, Aru and OWENS, Jan

A critical incident study of nurses’ responses to the spiritual needs of their patients.

Abstract
Study aimed at describing what nurses consider to be spiritual needs, how nurses respond to these needs, typifying nurses’ involvement in the spiritual dimension of care and illustrating the effect of nurses’ intervention in this area. Concludes that a model of spiritual care may be developed from this study. Relevant to person-centred care of the person with dementia. 35 references.

NARAYANASAMY, N

Spiritual care: a practical guide for nurses and healthcare practitioners.

Abstract
A resource guide for nurses and allied healthcare professionals that stresses the holistic nature of nursing – treating the whole patient.

ISBN
1–85642–181–3

NATHAN, M M

Spiritual care and its possible barriers.

Abstract
An account of the author’s research into barriers to giving spiritual care to patients with mental health problems – not particularly with dementia.

NATHAN, M M

Overcoming barriers to spiritual care.

Abstract
This paper addresses the problems identified in the article above and looks at methods of overcoming them.

SUTCLIFFE, David

Introducing dementia: the essential facts and issues of care.

Abstract
Comprehensive introductory guide to dementia stresses the importance of person-centred care, emphasising physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual care. Written for care workers new to working with people with dementia. Useful for carers. Covers what is dementia, different types, effects, issues of care at home and long-term care, activities, home carers and financial matters. Each chapter ends with a useful list of key points.

ISBN
0–86242–283–3
**Author**  SWINTON, John
**Title**  Spirituality and mental health care: rediscovering a ‘forgotten’ dimension.
**Source**  London: Jessica Kingsley, 2001
**Abstract**  Explores the connections between mental health or illness and spirituality and draws on these to provide practical guidance to people working in the mental health field, including dementia.

**2000**

**Author**  CORLEY, G (ed)
**Title**  Older people and their needs.
**Abstract**  Includes a chapter by P Huxham, ‘I’m not very religious but … ’ He writes from the experience of 35 years as an Anglican priest in parish and hospital ministry. Stories from those he encountered in distress and need and of the staff who cared for them are woven into a helpful exposition of the need for time and training for effective caring for the spiritual needs of all in care, particularly those with dementia.
**ISBN**  1–86156–083–4

**Author**  EVERETT, Debbie
**Title**  Spiritual care: stretching the soul.
**Source**  Journal of Dementia Care 8(1), January/February 2000, 20–21.
**Abstract**  Gives a personal view of her work as chaplain attending to the spiritual needs of people with dementia at a continuing care centre in Edmonton, Canada.

**Author**  HAMMOND, Gaynor and MOFFITT, Laraine
**Title**  Spiritual care: guidelines for care plans.
**Abstract**  Booklet written to assist staff in residential and nursing homes to consider the spiritual needs of people with dementia within the context of their existing care plans.

**Author**  JEWELL, Albert
**Title**  Grow old along with me.
**Abstract**  Includes a chapter on ‘Dementia and old age’.
**ISBN**  0–7197–0983–0

**Author**  KILLICK, John
**Title**  Openings.
**Abstract**  Consists of poems composed from the edited words of people with dementia with photographs described by Carl Cordonnier as ‘a collection of faces, for memory’.
**ISBN**  1–87479–049–3
Author: McSHERRY, Wilfrid
Title: Making sense of spirituality in nursing practice: an interactive approach.
Abstract: An accessible introduction to issues concerning the spiritual dimension of nursing practice. It draws extensively on case studies, illustrating application to practice, and encourages readers to reflect on what spirituality means to them.

Author: NEAL, Isobel
Title: Towards a Christian understanding and response to dementia: implications of an understanding of dementia for spiritual care.
Abstract: Honours dissertation looking at how the Christian community may respond to dementia and attend to the spiritual needs of people with dementia. Well thought out philosophy and theology, including case studies and literature review. 64 references.

Author: THORSON, J A (ed)
Title: Perspectives on spiritual well being and aging.
Abstract: Suggests that people who participate in a spiritual life may have an easier time coping with the losses that occur as a result of ageing.

Author: WRIGHT, Stephen
Title: Spirited discussion.
Abstract: Explains the tools used to communicate with people about their spirituality. Relevant to people with dementia. Six references.

1999

Author: COGGINS, David Lindsay
Title: Poetry and art inspired by caring: the creative response as a coping strategy for the emotional and spiritual needs of the carer.
Abstract: Shows how creative expression in poetry and painting restored meaning to the life of a carer of a person with dementia. Gives examples of the poetry that brought healing and wholeness. Five references.

Author: HOWSE, Kenneth
Title: Religion, spirituality and older people.
Abstract: Looks at the significance of religion to well-being in elderly people. Draws on research from the United States and current experience of religious organisations. Chapters on religious commitment in the UK, social policy and action, well-being, and meeting needs for spiritual support. 200 references.
Author: JONES, Moyra
Title: Gentlecare: changing the experience of Alzheimer’s disease in a positive way.
Abstract: Useful book describing a prosthetic model of care that maximises client function by providing services designed to compensate for the deficits caused by Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Covers dementias and their effects, assessment (mental, physical, socio-cultural, spiritual and environmental), care programmes and activities, activities of daily living, communication, meals and diet, home and designing of environment, and the family as carers and volunteers.

1998

Author: BRUCE, Errollyn
Title: How can we measure spiritual well-being?
Abstract: Explores how particular attention needs to be paid to the spiritual well-being of people with dementia, not making the assumption that this is being addressed in person-centred individualised care. Two references.

Author: FROGGATT, Alison and SHAMY, Eileen
Title: Dementia: a Christian perspective.
Abstract: Two papers originally published in 1992 on the spiritual well-being of people with dementia: ‘God within confusion’ by Alison Froggatt and ‘Ministry to elderly confused people’ by Eileen Shamy. It includes an updated introduction and bibliography.

Author: GOLDSMITH, Malcolm
Title: Dementia, ethics and the glory of God.
Abstract: The text of a lecture originally delivered in 1997 at a Christian Council on Ageing Newcastle Dementia Project conference in Durham. Covers seven specific ethical, spiritual and person-centred issues for a person with dementia, and relates the personhood approach to his understanding of the glory of God.

Author: JEWELL, Albert (ed)
Title: Spirituality and ageing.
Abstract: A collection of seventeen essays on spirituality and ageing with five relating specifically to dementia. The book grew out of the Sir Halley Stewart Project, which aimed to raise awareness of the spiritual needs of older people and encourage interest in the spirituality of ageing. 123 references.

Author: MOFFITT, Laraine
Title: Practice guide
Abstract: Guide to assist in the replication and setting up of similar projects to the Newcastle Dementia Working Group Project looking at the local spiritual needs of people with dementia. Project looked at pastoral care; patterns of worship, education and training in church, health and
social care and carers groups; and the development of networks, good practice, theological reflection and training materials.


Author MOFFITT, Laraine
Title The spiritual needs of people with dementia.
Abstract One of a set of ten booklets produced by the Sir Halley Stewart Age Awareness Project. The author urges strongly from her experience in the CCOA Dementia Group Newcastle Project that people with dementia have exactly the same spiritual needs as everyone else.

ISBN 1–902452–04–6

Author TIBBS, Margaret Anne
Title The heart of the matter.
Abstract Paper presented at the Alzheimer’s Disease Society Conference ‘Personhood’ on 10 December 1998. Emphasises that to care effectively for the person with dementia and their personhood it is essential to include spirituality. Spirituality is not necessarily religion.

1997

Author CHRISTIAN COUNCIL ON AGEING DEMENTIA PROJECT
Title ‘Is anyone there’.
Abstract A 20-minute video concerned with the spiritual needs of people with dementia designed as a training tool. Looks at issues such as the distinction between spiritual and religious needs. Accompanied by two booklets; one for care staff, ‘Spiritual needs: workshop leader’s notes’ which provides ways of assessing and tending to spiritual needs and the second for those with responsibility for the pastoral care of people with dementia, ‘Guidelines for worship and prayer’. Explores the need for ritual and has suggestions for leading worship.

Author DYSON, Jane, COBB, Mark and FORMAN, Dawn
Title The meaning of spirituality: a literature review.
Abstract A literature review on the meaning of spirituality. Suggests that spirituality is not synonymous with religion and that it is unhelpful in the provision of individualised or person-centred care to adopt this restrictive view. 58 references.

Author ELLIOT, Hazel
Title Religion, spirituality and dementia: pastoring to sufferers of Alzheimer’s disease and other associated forms of dementia.
Abstract Illustrates how religion and spirituality can be related to people with dementia and how churches as organisations can assist them. Also covers ways of minimising communication difficulties and the provision of simple services for people with dementia living in residential care. Touches on the problems which may occur when a practising minister develops dementia. Twelve references.
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<td>KILLICK, John</td>
<td>You are words.</td>
<td>London: Hawker, 1997.</td>
<td>This is a moving collection of poems representing the work of John Killick during his time as writer in residence for Westminster Health Care. It represents, in poetic form, an exploration of the progressive loss of ability of people with dementia to communicate verbally with fellow human beings. He reveals how much the capacity to express emotion is retained even when language is severely disrupted.</td>
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<td>MARSHALL, Mary</td>
<td>State of the art in dementia care.</td>
<td>London: Centre for Policy on Ageing, 1997.</td>
<td>Fifty contributions on issues, areas of practice and new approaches covering therapy, advocacy, communication, buildings, training, technology, policies, sub-groups, staff sex, spiritual needs and drugs. These give an overview of the challenging and innovative area of care and service provision for the person with dementia. Of particular relevance is chapter 49 by Froggatt and Moffitt.</td>
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<td>METHODOUS HOMES FOR THE AGED</td>
<td>Quality Standards Manual (QSM) for care within a residential setting.</td>
<td>Derby: Methodist Homes, 1997.</td>
<td>Manual produced by Methodist Homes to assist in the implementation of a quality standards system in a caring organisation. Three areas are addressed: the setting out of clear principles, aims, objectives and standards for residential homes; suggested procedures to be followed in order to monitor, audit, inspect and evaluate services; and feedback to facilitate the development of new services and improve current ways of working. The manual is organised in three parts: the quality policy; care principles and standards; and references. Topics covered in the manual include dementia care, volunteers, training and staff development, risk assessment, abuse, purchasing, advocacy, spiritual care, Dementia Care Mapping, wandering, aggression, restraint, sexuality, personal care, communication and activities of daily living.</td>
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<td>REGAN, Dominic and SMITH, Jef</td>
<td>The fullness of time: how homes for older people can respond to their residents’ need for wholeness and a spiritual dimension to care.</td>
<td>London: Counsel and Care, 1997.</td>
<td>Explores good practice in relation to the spiritual and personal values of residents in residential and nursing home care.</td>
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experiential examples. Reference list, suggested reading list for communication and visiting people with dementia. See above for new edition published in the UK in 2003.

ISBN 0–90881–578–6

1996

Author CLARK, Elizabeth
Title The Identification and assessment of spiritual needs.
Abstract Paper produced as part of the Joint Care in the Community Project, Kent Ecumenical Council, describing spirituality and how this fits in with religious experience.

Author EVERETT, Deborah
Title Forget me not: the spiritual care of people with Alzheimer’s.
Source Edmonton, Alberta: Inkwell, 1996.
Abstract Book looking at the spiritual care of people with dementia. Examines areas of ministry that are viable and effective, considers the ethical issues involved in addressing the spiritual needs of people with dementia, illustrating both from experience. Three references.

Author GOLDSMITH, Malcolm
Title Hearing the voice of people with dementia.
Abstract Based on a series of interviews with people with dementia and professionals working in the field, an extensive literature search and a consultative document sent to over 1000 people, this book, written by a Christian minister, looks at the disempowering experience of dementia and means of communication.

Author GOODALL, Margaret
Title Freed to be themselves, if they can only find themselves.
Source Journal of Dementia Care 4(6), November/December 1996, 8,11.
Abstract Letter to the editor from the chaplain at Westbury, the specialist dementia care home, in response to an article by Laraine Moffitt. Very sensitive appraisal of spirituality in people with dementia, how spirituality is expressed and the need for us to help people with dementia find themselves.

Author KECK, David
Title Forgetting whose we are: Alzheimer’s disease and the love of God.
Abstract Offers a Christian understanding of and response to the difficult theological, spiritual and pastoral problems raised by Alzheimer’s disease.
ISBN 0–6870–2088–3

Author MOFFITT, Laraine
Title Helping to recreate a personal sacred space.
Abstract Looking at how individualised care has always helped to meet spiritual needs and the importance of the creation of a personal sacred space. Four references.
OLDNALL, Andrew
A critical analysis of nursing: meeting the spiritual needs of patients.
Explores some of the difficulties in arriving at a definition of spirituality and examines the extent to which nursing theories incorporate the concept of spirituality. Acknowledges there is a lack of this area in nursing training. 43 references.

POST, Stephen G
The moral challenge of Alzheimer’s disease.
Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University, 1996.
In this challenging book the author looks at all aspects of dementia in terms of the moral challenges that arise. He gives clinical examples which highlight the day-to-day dilemmas that arise for those involved. Towards the end he looks at the vexed issues of resuscitation, assisted dying, withdrawal of treatment and euthanasia – words that need definition and clarity to enable coherent and meaningful debate.

TREETOPS, Jackie
Holy, holy, holy: the church’s ministry for people with dementia: suggestions for action.
An account of a ministry amongst people with dementia including chapters on spiritual needs, suggestions for action and the memory box.

KITWOOD, Tom and BENSON, Sue (eds)
The new culture of dementia care.
Based on practitioners’ experience and research, this book sets out elements of a care culture where the person with dementia comes first. Topics covered include cultures of care, challenge to stage theory, communication, well-being, sexuality, spirituality, genetics, day-care, sheltered housing, volunteers, dementia care mapping, training and organisational change.
ISBN 1–87479–017–5

KITWOOD, Tom, BUCKLAND, S and PETRE, T
Brighter futures.
The report of a research project identifying the conditions most likely to promote the well-being of people who have dementia. This research was conducted at a time when the ‘new culture of dementia care’ was beginning to spread and replace the old, restrictive and institutionalised care. References are helpful in outlining research and writing up to 1995.
ISBN 0–90617–830–4
1994

Author FORBES, Elizabeth J
Title Spirituality, aging, and the community-dwelling caregiver and care recipient.
Abstract The purpose of this study was to examine the concept of spirituality and the relationship between the caregiver’s and the care recipient’s concept of spirituality in order to identify its influence on the emotional well-being and the coping ability of both. Sixteen references.

Author FROGGATT, Alison
Title Tuning in to meet spiritual needs.
Abstract Article about meeting the spiritual needs of people with dementia. Three references.

1993

Author GREEN, Jennifer
Title Death with dignity: volume II.
Abstract Follows her earlier book (see below) featuring the basic spiritual needs of people who are dying within different religious groups: Christianity, Christian Science, Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Mormon Church, Zoroastrianism, Rastafarianism and the Afro-Caribbean community. An aid to nurses.
ISBN 0–333–59365–0

Author SCOTT PECK, M
Title Further along the road less travelled.
Abstract A sequel to his earlier book ‘The road less travelled’. In it he addresses issues of personal growth and spiritual development which affect us all. He emphasises the need to examine our lives and aim for a higher level of understanding of the complexities of life.
ISBN 0–671–71356–6

Author SHAMY, Eileen
Title Spiritual needs of people with dementia.
Source Stirling: Dementia Services Development Centre, 1993.
Abstract Report edited from transcripts of tapes of two events led by the Revd Eileen Shamy in May 1992. Begins to address the neglected area of the spiritual needs of people with dementia.

1992

Author TREETOPS, Jackie
Title A daisy among the dandelions: the church’s ministry with older people; suggestions for action.
Abstract Description of a ministry amongst older people, and helpful suggestions of ways in which spirituality can be fostered in later life.
1991

Author    GREEN, Jennifer
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