

A few thoughts about Mental Health Awareness week from Anne-Marie Holland, Mental Health Adviser for the Diocese of Bristol

Mental Health Awareness Week offers an invitation to think about Mental Health in our churches, communities and ourselves. The 2025 theme is community - celebrating community and how it supports our mental health and wellbeing. Living in positive community with others increases connection and belonging, and decreases isolation and loneliness.

The Five Ways to Wellbeing are evidenced-based tools. The word CLANG can help you remember them.

Connect Learn Active Notice Give

Action for Happiness have <u>10 Keys to Happier Living</u> **Wellbeing Tools** Many things that promote wellbeing, can be done with others, as well as on our own.

Some Options for Reflecting on Personal or Group Mental Health

- look for opportunities to show kindness to other people
- thank those that make you feel part of a community
- who is my community, how does it benefit my mental health?
- how full is my stress bucket (and what could help)?
- what makes me feel supported by my community?
- do other people know how to recognise when I'm struggling?
- pledge to do something to help personal or community wellbeing