



Faith Communities

Can they ever be enough?



**People ageing without children
can be left without support at a
time in their lives when they
need it the most**

**Can (do) faith communities
provide that support?**

Somewhere to belong

Faith communities at their best provide a place where people (of all ages and backgrounds) feel they belong

But.....

Practical support

Many faith communities provide practical help to people inside and outside their community

- **Food**
- **Small grants and support for grant applications**
- **Practical help in the home**
- **Housing (almshouses/social housing) etc etc**

Advocacy and emotional support

- **Advocacy for people needing help from statutory services**
- **A listening ear**
- **More formal (trained) pastoral care**

Question for discussion

- **The limitations and advantages of this kind of support**
- **Can this kind of support and help ever be an option for people without faith?**