



Prayer Chain Guidance

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When you supply a Prayer Chain Request you should ensure that:

- a) Wherever possible they make sure that the people who are being prayed for have given their consent (which can be verbal) for this. There will be people (particularly if they are not actually part of the church) who would be very unhappy to discover that something they thought they had shared with one person in confidence was suddenly being relayed by email around a group of other people they don't know. Please note in your request what permission you have gained. E.g. write 'Verbal permission'.

- b) Nothing is included in an email which you wouldn't want the person concerned to see [e.g. opinions about the person];

- c) The people on the prayer-chain are asked to delete the email once it is not needed any more. This could be as soon as they have prayed, when a further update is received or when a situation has changed/improved so that prayer is no longer needed.

If such emails are sent by text message or 'Whatsapp' the same principles apply for this or any similar method.