## The Lord is close to the broken hearted.

Psalm 34:18





It is a great privilege to facilitate our Loved Retreat days, bringing support to those who have known baby loss. And we are delighted to offer pastoral training to equip those who want to stand alongside those for whom this is part of their story.

> Jenny Baines, Leonie Lucas and Rebecca Richards. Consultants for Loved.

'Thank you so much for spending time shaping our thinking and raising the bar for what it looks like to display love and grace to those grieving the loss of an infant.'

Joel Ward. Minister, Bentley Baptist Church.





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# A pastoral response to miscarriage

LOVED is part of OPEN, an initiative of CARE.

It aims to create an environment where baby loss can be talked about in a supportive and caring way.

It seeks to raise awareness of the issues surrounding miscarriage and the impact of this experience on those for whom this is part of their story.

## Why such a ministry now?

In the UK one in four pregnancies ends in miscarriage; yet this loss is rarely spoken of and the grief can be surrounded by a lonely silence.

People experience this loss in different ways and for some this grief can have a deep effect, sometimes for many years.

LOVED seeks to help churches respond to this grief.

Find out more at: weareopen.org.uk

## How can LOVED help?

- LOVED retreat days for those who have experienced this loss.
- Speakers who can open up the conversation within the church context.
- Training for pastoral teams and church leaders.

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### Retreat days...

LOVED offers a day retreat to reflect and find peace and understanding.

There will be opportunity to share with others who have also felt the pain of such a loss and to acknowledge together that these babies were loved.

# What do people say?

'I felt very valued and 'heard'. I don't feel so alone in what I have been through.' Hannah

'The tone set for this retreat was perfect. It was so helpful to be able to tell our stories of loss in a safe place....' Sarah

'Thank you so much for holding this retreat and for the gentle, beautiful way it was carried out. This is so needed and I am so grateful.' Claire





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