

**An example Order of service for:
A Service of Healing and Wholeness**

for all of us who struggle with faith, bodies and identity.

held at St Mark's Broomhill on 29th Jan 2023

'Reimagining Paul' is an exhibition of two newly commissioned artworks created to spark conversation about the apostle Paul, themes of identity, and the interpretation of Paul's letters in contemporary society. The exhibition came to St Mark's Broomhill during January and February 2023. The 2 art works were such a challenging visual presence in church that we felt it was appropriate to shape our healing service around them.

This informal service lasted about 45 minutes and included readings, music, and time for reflection, anointing and prayer. We offered it as an opportunity to reflect on our lived experience of ill health and pain, to explore how faith, bodies and identity overlap and what we might need to feel whole. Is it possible to meet God through challenge and weakness, we wondered? We invited people to pause and to consider what prayer we needed for our wellbeing and resilience.

The objective was to offer a sacred space for restoration and strengthening in mind, body, and spirit, whilst accepting who we were, our weakness and strength.

The Reimagining Paul exhibition and other artwork was used to shape thought provoking prayer stations set up inside the church and there was an opportunity to have our hands anointed for service.

Some pictures of the service are attached to give you some ideas for your own similar service along the same lines.

To see the Reimagining Paul website follow this link:

['Reimagining Paul' Exhibition | SCIBS | The University of Sheffield](#)