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Blessing for chapel

Cinderford

A BLESSING has been held to officially open a refurbished chapel of rest in Cinderford.

The team at Midcounties Co-operative Funeral Care in Lower High Street were accompanied by Forest of Dean MP Mark Harper to welcome the new look.

He was joined by religious and non-religious ministers at a dedication service.

The refurbished chapel is part of a bigger refit to the home, which includes a new open plan reception.

Branch manager, Richard Byett, said: "We are delighted to open the doors to our newly refurbished home.

"We took the renovation as an opportunity to redesign the interior of the branch to better suit our visitors. We now have a single larger chapel of rest."

The service was also attended by members of the local clergy, Reverend Michael Barnsley and Father Barnabas Page and non-religious representative Janet Joel, Civil Celebrant and Midcounties Co-operative Board Member Ruth Fitzjohn.

The Cinderford home is part of a network of 75 funeral homes across the Midcounties region. The Midcounties Co-operative Funeral Group is the largest funeral director in the region and has more than 8,000 funerals a year.