

Daily Encourager Article describes the work of Chaplains.

If you have ever wondered about the life and work of Hospital Chaplains *The Daily Encourager* article *Being There* by Sharon Fowler (30 July 2022)

<https://dailyencourager.co.nz/being-there/> will give you some idea. It is the result of interviews with Paul and Heike



Heike in the grounds of Wakari Hospital



Paul in the Wakari Chapel with a painting by Anya Sinclair.

Current Chaplaincy team:

Ecumenical Chaplains

Rev Vivienne Galletly
Chaplain Sue Whittaker
Chaplain Marty Pritchard

Chaplain to Maori

Rev Canon Heike Pomare

Chaplain to Mental Health

Chaplain Paul Johnston

Roman Catholic Chaplain

Rev Fr Mark Chamberlain.

Locum Chaplains

Rev Alison Latton.
Rev David Crooke,
Ps Wendy Knauf.

Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants VCA

Dr Jennie Lewis
Mr Ray Spence
Mr Tony Kennedy

Chaplaincy at Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals

February 2023.

Dear Friends of Chaplaincy,

New Chaplains Commissioned.

At a well attended service on Wednesday 15 February the ICHC Regional Manager Rev Sandra Wright-Taylor commissioned Rev Canon Heike Pomare and Chaplain Marty Pritchard for their work in Te Whatu Ora Southern.

Bishop Steven Benford preached and introduced Marty to the gathering while Pihopa Richard Wallace took the opportunity to announce Heike's appointment as a Canon within the Tikanga Maori strand of the Anglican Church.



Heike and Marty are Commissioned by Sandra Wright Taylor

Still no Chapel Services on Sundays

In these COVID times it is unfortunately still not wise to hold Sunday Services in the Chapel. We know how much patients miss gathering for worship and how much parishes miss this special opportunity to serve. We are guided in this decision by the Hospitals' Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team.



Call for new VCA (Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants).

Being in hospital can be a stressful time for patients and those who care for them. Caring for a person's wairua [spirit], hinengaro [mind] and whānau [family] is as vital as looking after their physical health.

Chaplains and VCA are available to listen and talk with people of all faiths or none. We do not proselytise, preach or persuade.

VCA support the work of Chaplains by offering a ministry of presence to patients and whanau

within the Hospital. After a period of training they are assigned a ward or wards which they visit regularly - (usually for two hours on each of two mornings each week). They are also expected to attend a monthly meeting (about an hour) for support and professional development.

ICHC expects Chaplains and VCA to be fully vaccinated

Information evening: Dunedin Hospital Chapel Wednesday 8 March 7-8 pm.

Applications will close Friday 24 March This will be followed by a face to face meeting before potential VCA begin their eight week training course in May. Information and application forms are available from any chaplain or from vivienne.galletly@southerndhb.govt.nz

Chaplain Availability.

Chaplains are usually available on site 8am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and a Duty Chaplain can be contacted at all hours through the Hospital switchboard 03 477 0999.

Within the provisions of this country's Privacy legislation we welcome referrals from parishes and pastoral care teams.

The chapels at both Hospitals are always open for those who seek a quiet space.

Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy.

The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy currently holds a contract with the Ministry of Health to employ and supervise the work of Hospital Chaplains and Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Ministry of Health provides about 60% of the necessary funding. The other significant portion is provided by generous donations from churches and individuals and is critical to maintaining the chaplaincy service in New Zealand hospitals. This combined funding currently supports 94 Chaplains and about 300 Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Hospital Chaplains offer a 24 hour service, 365 days a year and most patients in our region welcome Chaplains at the bedside. We ask for your continuing prayers for our work, and thank all donors for their essential support for chaplaincy.

Further information is available on the ICHC website or through a quarterly pamphlet

Local Support Group

This group is a continuation of the former Otago Chaplaincy Trust Board. While it is no longer responsible for employing and managing the work of Chaplains, representatives from a number of local Church denominations meet monthly to receive a brief report from the Chaplains and offer support and prayer. The Current Chairperson is Rev David Poultney.

Offers to speak to your Group or provide Information.

With suitable notice a Chaplain can usually be available to talk to your congregation or group. There is also a powerpoint available which may meet your needs for information.

Prayer requests.

We give thanks to God for those who regularly pray for Hospitals and Chaplains. Please pray for Hospital staff, patients and their whanau and for chaplaincy in these Hospitals and throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

