



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

For: All Hospital Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistants, LSP and Trust Board Members

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Service in Christ Church Cathedral starts a bumper Hospital Chaplaincy Appeal Week

Chaplains, chaplaincy committees, Trust Board members, hospital staff, patients and their relatives have all been involved in supporting this year's appeal week activities in many hospitals around the country. The response to the fourth annual national envelope appeal is also tracking above the level of previous years. They say a picture saves a thousand words, so here are some of the pictures we have received from around the country as displays about the work of chaplains have stood along side sausage sizzles, the sale of cup cakes (raised over \$2000) and piles of New Testaments to give away. These are just a few of the ways profiles and money have been raised.



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Memorial Services – a way to remember our colleagues.

It is always a shock when a work colleague passes away, and the Chaplains Department are able to assist with the planning of a suitable memorial service to honour that person's work. Often colleagues are unable to get to the funeral, so a memorial service provides a way for staff to say goodbye to their friend and colleague.

The service is compiled in conjunction with the service staff involved, so individual aspects of the person can be incorporated, be it music, poems, singing or other favourites that they loved. Service sheets are printed as a memento of the occasion and partners, family and whanau are invited to attend as a means of closure and also so they can meet their relative's work colleagues.

The service is lead by one of our chaplains and there is time for reflection, thanksgiving for the person's life and work and an opportunity for colleagues to acknowledge what they valued about the person along with any endearing remembrances. Sue Harvey, Manager Chaplains, and Rev Dr Pramod Rao, the Chaplain Co-ordinator, are always pleased to work with staff to provide such services, so that those who have passed on can be remembered in a thoughtful way.

Extract from ADHB's Nova newsletter

Office Staff Movements in October

National Executive Officer

- 2- 4 Oct Attending Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa NZ Forum in Wanganui
- 6 Oct Meeting with Maori Health Directorate, Ministry of Health about renewal of contract for Southern Maori Chaplains
- 7-8 Oct ICHC Annual Meetings in Wellington
- 20 Oct Central Region Chaplains training day at Kopua Abbey, Takapau
- 28 Oct Wellington area Chaplaincy Teams dinner at ICHC office, Wellington

National Administrator/ Training facilitator

- 6 Oct Meeting with Maori Health Directorate, Ministry of Health about renewal of contract for Southern Maori Chaplains
- 7-8 Oct ICHC Annual Meetings in Wellington
- 15-16 Oct Team reformation North Shore Hospital
- 17-26 Oct On leave overseas
- 28 Oct Wellington area Chaplaincy Teams dinner at ICHC office, Wellington



Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Thought for the month:

"Life is a succession of lessons that must be lived to be understood"
Thomas Carlyle

Staff Movements

Departures

Rev Peniamina (Ben) Tapelu, Ecumenical Chaplain, Auckland City Hospital.

Sr Bernadette Cheyne, Catholic Chaplain, North Shore Hospital. Sr Bernie is going to be take up a half-time position as chaplain at the North Shore Hospice.

Vacancy

Ecumenical Chaplain, Auckland City Hospital applications close Friday 30 October.

Longings for the Eternal

Prayers for spirit, community and sustainability

Is a second book of prayers by the Rev John Howell, chairperson of the Taupo Hospital Chaplaincy committee which may be of interest to our people. The price is \$15 plus postage, or 5 copies for \$50 plus \$10 postage. Copies can be ordered from St Paul's Union Parish .Box 823, Taupo. or Ph 07 378 6812 or E mail stpauls_taupo@xtra.co.nz John's other book "Sighs too deep for words-prayers and images from Taupo" are still available for \$10 each or 5 copies for \$40 plus postage. More information about the book is on the web at www.stpaulstaupo.org.nz .