



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

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

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Retirement Reflections



Long-time Chaplain at the Hutt Hospital, the Rev John McCaul, retires from that position at the end of February 2012. Here he reflects on his ministry.

'Many in the Diocese know me as Bishop's Chaplain, Clerical Secretary of Synod, or Examining Chaplain, but my everyday work for the past twenty years has been Chaplain at the Hutt Hospital – the last seven as Ecumenical Chaplain. This entails 24/7 availability of me or my locum, and has been demanding work. Many-a-time I have made no commitments, "just in case I get a call." And I never know what I'm walking into: sickness, injury, a tragic or joyful event, good or bad news...praying, listening, leading worship, or supervising voluntary chaplaincy assistants.

'My time at the Hutt has been a time of immense change both in the health

system and the way in which it is delivered. In 1992 we didn't know if Hutt would be closed, or would become part of the Wellington Hospital, and a huge rally of locals told the powers-that-be in no uncertain terms, that Hutt Valley people did not want that to happen. Thus, Hutt remained open and independent; and it has gone from strength to strength, led by some wonderful staff, and culminating in the recent opening of the new Operating Theatre and Emergency Department Complex. A highlight for me was the blessing of the last pour of concrete at the topping-off ceremony.

'Another highlight has been my involvement with the Frederic and Margaret Wallis Labyrinth which we shifted from the Frederic Wallis House site to the hospital grounds. It is very satisfying to see it being used.

'I have been grateful for the continuing support of the Bishop and the Diocese; of Archdeacons, the local clergy, and all those who have prayed and supported me in my work. My colleagues in hospital chaplaincy have been great to work with; and I give thanks for the awesome commitment of the chaplaincy team of locums, voluntary chaplaincy assistants, wheelchair pushers, musicians, worship leaders, those who do the Saturday lists, visiting choirs...all those who help in so many ways. 'Hospital Chaplaincy needs longer rather than shorter ministries, but I would like to see more clergy experience life as a hospital chaplain during their ministry.

'I turned 65 in June. It is time for me to move on. There is continuing work to do for God, the Church and the Diocese, and I am looking forward to a change and new opportunities.'

John, you have brought peace-of-mind to so many patients, families and hospital staff. Thank you for your healing ministry. You will be missed.

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Heart felt thanks

A special thank you to all chaplains, chaplaincy assistants, volunteers in chapels and chaplaincy offices and to those who serve so diligently on the ICHC Trust Board, and LSP committees. Your willingness to help, your prayers and support are very much appreciated. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a safe and promising New Year. From the ICHC Team of staff and volunteer Ron, Margaret, Catriona, Susan, Fiona and Rhonda

Summer Leave

We encourage chaplains to take some leave over the summer months in the interest of their physical, spiritual and mental health. Traditionally hospital bed occupancy rates are lower at this time of the year.



Correction to Annual Report

We unfortunately left the name of one of our board members off the list of trustees on page 3 of the Annual Report. Pastor Stephen Necklen is the Church Appointed Trustee for ACTS Churches NZ. Our apologies for this omission.

Chaplaincy Week Appeal total

As this "Messenger" goes to post the appeal total has reached \$175,000.

Diary Dates 2012

Enclosed with this Messenger is a sheet with the key Chaplaincy Dates for the coming year.

Office Staff Movements in December

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National Executive Officer & National Administrator

- 5 Dec Meeting with Nelson-Marlborough DHB, and Maori Health, Iwi and Chaplains
- 7 Dec Wellington regional Hospital Chaplaincy pot luck dinner
- 11 Dec Christmas lunch Hutt Hospital Chaplaincy Team

Interviews for new chaplains at North Shore, Auckland and Wairarapa Hospitals are yet to be arranged.

Staff Movements

Departures

There are a number of chaplains moving on from Hospital Chaplaincy :-

Rev Michelle Shin, from North Shore will be taking up a Parish position in Lower Hutt

Rev Joan Ross, from Wairarapa is moving overseas

Rev Ron Ashford, from Auckland City Hospital Psychiatric and Rehabilitation Services

Rev Neville McGee, retiring from Catholic Chaplain, Auckland City Hospital

Rev Dianne Neilson, retiring from Chaplain, Whakatane Hospital

Rev Jonathan Boyes, retiring from Chaplain Porirua and Kenepuru Hospitals

Rev John McCaul, retiring from Chaplain, Hutt Hospital

Rev Ian Macleod, retiring from Chaplain, Timaru Hospital and Presbyterian Support South Canterbury

We say thanks to all our departing colleagues and wish them all the best for the future.

Arrivals

The following recent appointments have been made

Rev Anne Griffiths, Methodist, to Chaplain at Whakatane Hospital

Rev Dr Noel (Pronounced Nowell) Tiano, Christian Churches NZ, to Chaplain Porirua / Kenepuru Hospitals

Rev Tale Hakegaiki, Congregational Union, to Chaplain at Hutt Hospital



ICHC Office Closure

2pm Thursday 22 December until Wednesday 4 January.

Emergency numbers during closedown: Ron 027 667 0760, Margaret 0274 501 919

Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Thought for the month:

"Know what God the Father is really like! Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas." Dale Evans Rogers

Hospital Chaplaincy Key Diary Dates 2012

Including: Public Holidays for Chaplains, NZHCA Conference, ICHC Committee meetings, Annual Meetings with LSP Chair persons, and Hospital Chaplaincy Week

<p>January <u>Public Holidays</u> Sunday 1st or Tuesday 3rd – New Year’s Day Holiday 2nd -Day after New Year 16th - Southland Anniversary 23rd - Wellington Anniversary Day (Wellington, Hutt, Porirua, Palmerston North, Wairarapa, Wanganui & ICHC staff) 30th Auckland and Nelson Anniversary Days (Northland, Auckland area , Waikato, Tauranga, Whakatane, Gisborne, Rotorua, Taupo Nelson and Motueka Hospitals)</p>	<p>February <u>Public Holidays</u> 6th - Waitangi Day</p> <p><u>ICHC Meetings</u> 9th ICHC Audit and Risk Management 10th ICHC Personnel Work Group TBA ICHC Annual Appeal Committee</p>	<p>March <u>Public Holidays</u> 12th Taranaki Anniversary Day 26th Otago Anniversary Day</p> <p><u>ICHC Meetings</u> 15th ICHC Executive Committee</p> <p><u>Other</u> Confirmation of ICHC Database lists</p>
<p>April <u>Public Holidays</u> 6th Good Friday 9th Easter Monday NB Easter Sunday is NOT a public Holiday 25th ANZAC Day</p> <p><u>ICHC Meetings</u> 19th ICHC Audit and Risk Management 20th ICHC Stipend Review Group TBA ICHC Personnel Work Group</p>	<p>May</p>	<p>June <u>Public Holidays</u> 5th Queens Birthday</p> <p><u>ICHC Meetings</u> 14th ICHC Executive Committee</p>
<p>July <u>ICHC Meetings</u> 19th ICHC Audit and Risk Management</p> <p><u>Other</u> 1 July Stipend adjustments</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Distribution of Resources to Parishes preparing for Appeal Week</p>	<p>September <u>Public Holidays</u> 23rd South Canterbury Anniversary Day</p> <p><u>ICHC Meetings</u> ICHC Executive Committee 13th</p> <p><u>Other dates</u> 3-7th NZHCA Conference 23rd - 30th Chaplaincy Appeal Week</p> <p>Appeal Envelopes sent to Churches</p>
<p>October <u>Public Holidays</u> 19th Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day 22nd Labour Day</p> <p><u>ICHC Meetings</u> 23rd ICHC Audit and Risk Management</p> <p>24th Annual meeting for ICHC Trustees to hear from the LSP Chairpersons and Diocesan managers of Chaplains</p> <p>25th Annual General Meeting of the Trust Board</p>	<p>November <u>Public Holidays</u> 5th Marlborough Anniversary Day 16th Christchurch Anniversary</p> <p><u>ICHC Meetings</u> 29th ICHC Executive Committee</p>	<p>December <u>Public Holidays</u> 25th Christmas Day 26th Boxing Day</p>

Chaplains are not expected to work on Public holidays unless requested to do so by Hospital Management