

TAURANGA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE
BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

It is a pleasure to present my first report on the Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy Service. We have seen a number of changes in the last 12 months with the retirement of Pastor Phil Scott and the resignation and subsequent appointment of the Reverend Tamati Pewhairangi to Palmerston North Hospital. I wish to publicly acknowledge the tremendous ministry both these men had to patients, staff and family in their time here. They are greatly missed.

In October 2012 Pastor Phil Scott was replaced by the Reverend Jacqui Cavit who moved from North Shore Hospital in Auckland where she had been a Chaplain for four years, also covering the Wilson Centre for Children for part of that time. The Reverend Tamati Pewhairangi completed his time with us the beginning of May and on the 1st August we look forward to welcoming the Reverend Sam Held, also from Auckland, where he has held positions with the Waitemata District Health Board and the North Shore Hospice.

During this time of great change the team has been held together by our three very able Locum Chaplains – Kevin Hallam, Paulo Leaso and Dave Sales. We are greatly indebted to them for both the extra hours they have worked and the responsibilities they have carried. Thank you.

The Chaplaincy Service here is well supported by the Tauranga Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy committee made up of representatives of the contributing churches. A monthly meeting is held to give due consideration to matters directly affecting the ongoing provision of our chaplaincy service and to receive reports from the Treasurer and Chaplains. Since beginning here I have found myself welcomed and encouraged in my ministry as a Hospital Chaplain.

We are entering our busiest time of year as various winter ills and chills take a hold on our communities. Please pray for continued good health for the team as we are not immune to catching various cold and flu viruses ourselves.

Tauranga Hospital is a constantly changing hospital as it prepares to meet the demands of the communities which it serves. In the short time I have been here we have been involved with the blessing of new mobile dental units and the new paediatrics children and family outpatients clinic, a specialised stroke unit, and are in the process of building a radiotherapy centre. At present, with the help of our 10 Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants we are able to visit the wards/units on a daily basis. We are always happy to receive referrals to visit patients in hospital, meet with any Church visitors/ministers when visiting in the hospital and to accept speaking/preaching engagements to talk about Hospital Chaplaincy.

We can be contacted through the hospital (07) 579 8000 or my direct dial number is (07) 579 8295.

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