

# Welcome to the Royal Gwent Hospital Chapel

## A sanctuary for everyone

**Hospital Chaplaincy Department** 

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Thank you for taking time to visit the Chapel.

We hope you will find this to be a place of peace and comfort.

As you stop for a few moments, if you can, let the worries and concerns of life fall away.

Ponder the thought that you are a child of God. His love and care for you is constant, even when you feel alone and afraid.

Take a moment to speak to God - speak in your own way, using your own words - and allow time to listen with your heart for God to speak and minister back to you.

# What is the Chaplaincy department?

Chaplains are part of the wider support services team and are here to offer support to patients, their families and to all members of staff whether they are connected to a faith tradition, or not.

Chaplains can be called to offer pastoral, religious or spiritual care to anyone in the Health Board who feel they would benefit from it. This can take place corporately in the hospital chapel, or confidentially and privately at the bedside or in a side room. At all times, we offer a listening ear to those who wish to speak to someone in confidence.

The best patient care does not just consider physical health, but recognises that people have other needs too.

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#### Who are the Chaplains?

The hospital Chaplains are ordained and accredited ministers who specialise in the health care setting. They come from different local denominations and faiths but work together as a team to provide good quality pastoral, religious and spiritual care.

Wherever possible, the Chaplains will work to connect people to leaders from their own personal faith tradition.

## What do the Chaplains do?

Chaplains also work very closely with other health care staff to provide broad spiritual care, which includes pastoral support and counselling, help with education and training, bereavement support and advice, plus a range of other services.

Chaplains are often seen around the hospitals and do routine ward visits.

There is a Chaplain is onsite at the Royal Gwent and Nevill Hall hospitals on Sunday mornings and on these sites a short Chapel service is held at 10.30am. During the morning there are also opportunities for short bedside services.

On request, services can also be held by the bedside at any of the Health Board hospitals.

Chaplains are usually available during normal office hours and provide an 'out of hours' emergency service.

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## Some thoughts to help you pray:

Let the peace and quietness of this Chapel surround you as you sit quietly. Let the worries and concerns of life fall away from you for just a moment.

Try to put and noises or distractions to one side.

Sit comfortably.... breathe slowly.... and perhaps close your eyes for a moment.

God's love and care for you is constant, even when you feel alone or afraid. Speak to Him slowly and thoughtfully – and allow time for God to speak to your heart or mind.



If you would like to speak to one of the Chaplains, you can contact them on 01633 234263, or ask a member of staff who will contact the Chaplaincy department on your behalf.

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