

Introducing the Chaplaincy Team

Royal Gwent & St Woolos Hospital

The Chaplaincy Team

We are here to help anyone who asks – patients, relatives or staff.
We are part of the hospital team, here to help care for you during your time in hospital.

Confidential Comfort and Support

Spiritual does not always mean the same thing as religious. You do not have to feel you are a 'religious' person or be a regular Church worshipper to make use of our services.

Coming into hospital for any sort of investigation or treatment, or visiting somebody who is in pain or distressed can raise all kinds of questions, anxieties and fears. You may find it would be helpful to share these feelings with someone who is not actively involved in the medical treatment and care, but has experience of hospitals and the effects they can have on people.

Chaplains are always ready and willing to listen in confidence and are trained to help you in your search to understand and make sense of all that is happening to you. Our main aim as chaplains is to help care for you and, as far as possible, to help you find that sense of inner peace which is such an important part of the healing process.



How can you find us?

Members of the chaplaincy team visit around the wards and are happy to speak with anyone. Equally, we can pass on a message to someone in your own particular faith or denomination requesting them to visit if that is your wish.

We always aim to ensure there is a chaplain available during the day and out of hours, chaplains offer an emergency on call service. The nursing staff will know how to contact them. Please make it clear if you feel your request is urgent.

The Chaplaincy Team:

Rev'd Alan Tyler

*Senior Chaplaincy Manager
(Church of England/Wales)*

Rev'd Carol Taplin

Chaplaincy Manager (Free Church)

Rev'd Steven Lee

(Baptist)

Rev'd Michael Marsden

(Church of England/Wales)

Rev'd David Roberts

(Church of England/Wales)

Imam Farid Khan - Muslim

Sr Bernadette - Roman Catholic

The Hospital Chapel

The hospital chapel and chaplains office is situated on level 3 in the C/D block opposite ward D3E. The chapel is open day and night as a place for quiet and prayer.

You are very welcome to use it regardless of your beliefs. It is there for you, and we welcome any suggestions you may have to help us provide what you most value.

Bibles and religious literature are available in the Chapel for your use.

There is also a prayer board in the chapel for you to make a request for prayer or a visit.

Chapel Services

Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion
Royal Gwent Hospital

The Chaplains are always happy to bring Holy Communion to you at the bedside. Please inform the nursing staff or ask a relative to contact us or leave a message in the chapel.

Contact details:

Chaplaincy Office: 01633 234263 (44263)

Or via switchboard: 01633 234234

In an emergency contact switchboard who will page the duty Chaplain

A prayer when feeling anxious

Dear God my loving Father, it's so hard not to worry about myself, what is wrong with me and about the future. I also worry about my family and how they will cope.

Help me to cast my worries upon you; to trust you with my future and my family. Help me to know the peace which Jesus promised, the peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

A prayer before an operation.

Dear Lord you understand my feelings at this moment; you know my fears and my nervousness and the thoughts that I cannot put into words.

I thank you for the skill and wisdom of the medical staff and I ask you to give them strength today. I place myself into your loving hands, knowing that nothing can separate me from your love in Jesus Christ. Amen

Blessing of God's peace.

*God made me, God loves me. God keeps me
God will strengthen me, help me and uphold me.*

May the peace of God shine in me and through me. May God give light to guide me, courage to support me and his love to enfold me, this day and always.

Father I receive your blessing and your peace. Amen.

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."

