

Introducing the Chaplaincy Team

Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr (YYF)

The Chaplaincy Team

A chaplain is part of the support service team and are here to help anyone who asks – patients, relatives or staff. We are available in the hospital most days and we are here to help, listen and support.

Confidential Comfort and Support

Coming into hospital for any sort of investigation or treatment can raise all kinds of questions, anxieties, uncertainty and fear. Sometimes having someone to talk to and share these feelings and concerns is helpful. A chaplain is part of the care team in this hospital and will willingly visit to offer support.

You do not have to feel you are a 'religious' person or be a regular Church worshipper to make use of our services.

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.

A nurse can leave a message in the chaplaincy office and we will visit as soon as we can.

A chaplain will also pass on a message to someone of your own particular faith or denomination requesting them to visit if that is your wish.

Chaplains also offer an emergency on call service if the call is urgent. The nursing staff will be able to contact us through switchboard through a paging system.

The Chaplaincy Team:

Rev'd Alan Tyler

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

Rev'd Carol Taplin

Chaplaincy Manager (Free Church)

Rev'd Michael Marsden (Church of England/Wales)

Rev'd Steven Lee

(Baptist)

Imam Farid Khan - Muslim

Robert Church & Roger Bevan are volunteer chaplaincy visitors and regularly visit the wards.

For Roman Catholic Patients we ask the local priest or team to visit from St. Helen's in Caerphilly.

We also have a list of belief and faith community contacts who we can arrange to visit on request.

The Hospital Chapel

There is a chapel or multi-faith room on the 2nd floor which is always open and available for quiet reflection or prayer.

Services can be arranged for individuals or small groups, please do let us know if you would like to share in prayers or Holy Communion.

Bedside Services

A Chaplain is 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.

Staff and patients of other faiths:-

Please contact a member of the chaplaincy team, who will endeavour to find the relevant spiritual care for you. Prayer mats are available.

Contact details:

Chaplaincy Office YYF: 01443 802439

Main Chaplaincy Office (Royal Gwent): 01633 234263

Or via switchboard: 01633 234234

In an emergency please contact switchboard who will page the duty Chaplain

If we can be of any help or if you have any questions which you would like to ask, please contact any member of the team.

Prayers

Lord, I ask you to help me now,
May I know your presence with me and your love for me.
Thank you for this hospital and those who care for us here.
Give those who work here skill and strength.
Thank you for the love of my friends and family.
Keep me aware of the needs of others and show me how I can help.

*God made me
God loves me
God keeps me
God says:
I will strengthen you
I will help you
I will uphold you.
God is our refuge and our strength,
Always ready to help
in times of trouble.*



Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in the hearts of all that love me
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger

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."

