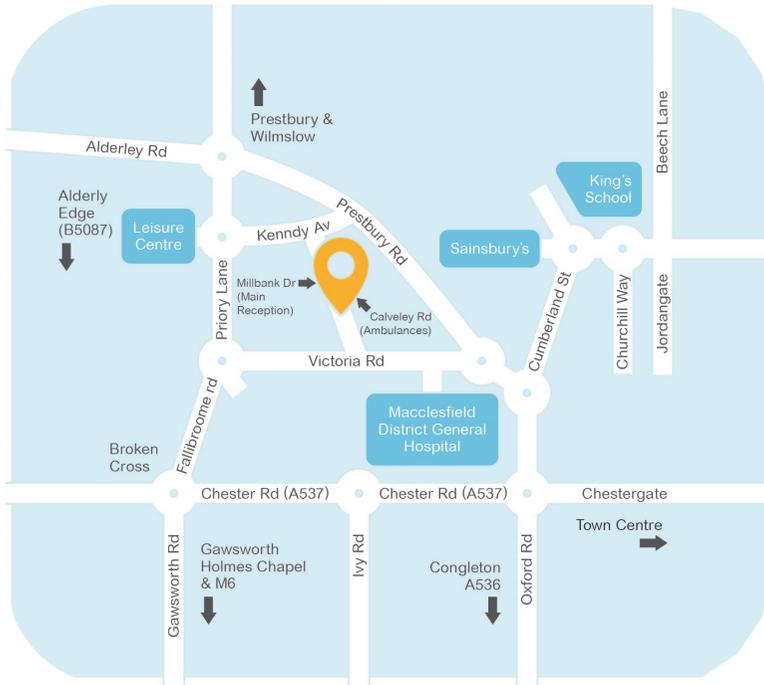




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Our Chaplaincy Team and Spiritual Care

An Introduction



Spiritual Care

A stay in the Hospice can be an uncertain time for you, whether you are a patient, relative, carer or friend. All Hospice staff are committed not just to your physical care, but also your spiritual care. But what do we mean by spiritual care?

Our spirituality is that which makes each of us unique. It relates to those things in which we find meaning, hope, love and purpose. For some it will be reflected in what they have achieved in life or who have been the key people in their relationships. For some it may have a religious element expressed in a belief in God and practised through a particular faith.

Illness and loss can change what we believed our life means, it can bring us into touch with the very deepest part of who we are. It can raise questions such as what is happening to me now and why, or bring up things we may have experienced in the past.

When faced with these deep questions people sometimes just want someone to listen, to hear their story. Having someone who can hear what your hopes and fears are can be helpful. The chaplaincy team make regular visits to The Sunflower Centre and Inpatient Units and are here just to listen, if there are things you wish to talk about. Our service is available to all patients, their relatives and friends each day. If you have not seen a chaplain recently but would like to see one, please ask a member of staff.

If you do follow the practice of a particular faith and would like your own minister, priest or religious leader to visit whilst you are here, they are welcome. We do offer times of prayer and anointing with oil. If you like to receive Communion at any time please ask and this can be arranged; either via your own minister or the Hospice Chaplain.

The Hospice has a chapel, situated just behind Reception, here you can sit, have space or listen to music. We currently hold a short Quiet Time Service on Mondays at 11:45am. There is also a small Quiet Room at the end of the Inpatient Unit Corridor which can be used for space and reflection.

The Chaplaincy Team

Margaret Lillis – Hospice Chaplain. Margaret leads the Chaplaincy team here at the Hospice. She is available most weekdays in the Hospice, and if not present in the building, can always be contacted by the Nursing Staff.

Chris Newton - is a Volunteer Chaplain and is usually in the Hospice every Tuesday. He also assists with the monthly Time to Remember Service .

Eileen Hopper – helps coordinate the Hospice Quiet Time Service on Mondays, and she, too, assists with the monthly Time to Remember Service.