

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FROM WAIAPU HOUSE

For Synod Year Book 2013

Waiapu House is situated on 5 acres of land in the central area of Havelock North. It caters for four dimensions of care, providing two types of individual living, rest home and hospital care.

My position as Chaplain is basically to attend to the needs of the residents – particularly their spiritual needs.

I have opportunity to reach all the residents over the year with regular visits to the Rest Home and hospital individuals. I provide a listening ear for concerns or problems or just a friendly, happy chat enabling them to keep in touch with the outside world.

The chapel is a part of many residents lives who love the serenity of it and who love to be involved in singing or just listening to familiar music and hymns.

I am very grateful to members of St Luke's parish, who come each Wednesday to assist residents to come to chapel.

It is wonderful being able to provide a variety of services throughout the year following the lectionary and church seasons.

Precious moments are often spent at bedsides of people facing their final days. It is also a time to support family members who are facing their loss of a loved one.

It is very special to conduct a funeral service as a final farewell for treasured family members.

My contact with the staff can be difficult with their busy schedules but they are very willing to support my work as Chaplain.

I feel very blessed to be able to touch so many lives and it is a privilege to share my faith with such lovely people at Waiapu House.

Rev Janice Tapper
Chaplain at Waiapu House.