

WAIAPU HOUSE

Waiapu House is a Retirement Village tucked away in the centre of Havelock North. It is situated on 5 acres of land and has 18 chalets, 13 Apartments, 42 rooms in the Rest Home and 32 hospital rooms. I really appreciate my position as chaplain and the opportunity to come in contact with some amazing people. Approximately 105 residents and many staff.

There is an amazing chapel in the complex called "The Good Shepherd Chapel" and a communion service is provided every Wednesday (following the lectionary readings) with bed communion offered in the afternoon. I am invited to lunch each Wednesday and am placed at a different table each week. I say Grace before the meal.

A lot of my time is visiting and meeting with the residents. Each visit is so different and I must be prepared to listen carefully and often bring the outside news in to them. Everybody has had an amazing life and it is a privilege to share with them. I am also lucky to be invited to many activities in which the residents are involved in e.g bowls, card making, baking, and musical entertainment.

It is wonderful to meet with many family members and share in their loss of a loved one and it is an honour to be asked to preside at the funeral. Christ is at the centre of serving at this precious place.

Rev Janice Tapper

Chaplain