

## **Waiapu House Lifecare Chaplaincy Report**

It is now two & a half years since Heritage Life bought Waiapu house and in that time we have seen a lot of maintenance both internal and external on the building and many changes of staff. We welcomed a new manager Mary McDonald, earlier this year and have seen some positive outcomes.

I will have been in my present position as chaplain 10 years this October.

How lucky I am to be serving at this wonderful Aged Care facility.

I have fantastic volunteer help each Wednesday for our communion service in the Good Shepherd Chapel. They help residents make their way to the chapel, offer them the required booklets and assist with reading the Gospel and serving. The support comes from the parish of St Luke's Havelock North.

I have opportunity to prepare displays outside the chapel door on special occasions ie. ANZAC, Easter, Christmas and other appropriate times in the church year. I also enjoy dressing up the interior when possible for the residents to have a visual impact for the service at hand.

A wonderful volunteer has produced a large cardboard poster put on the wall outside the chapel, with beautiful images which are changed to suite each church season – colours etc.

The staff are very supportive of my position and recognise the need for spiritual care for patients particularly in their final hours. I have the opportunity to meet family members around the bedside and offer a blessing and anointing if desired.

I also have opportunities to be with residents at some of their activities and it is marvellous to interact and to see their reactions which allows great conversation.

I am very blessed to be a part of so many people's lives and to share their faith journey and the love of God.

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