

## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FROM WAIAPU HOUSE For Synod Year Book**

I have been at Waiapu House for 2 years and 9 months and it still feels like I began only a short time ago. However, the realisation at the loss of so many over that time brings my role some reality.

My position as Chaplain is wide and varied, but basically the needs of the individuals – spiritually – is uppermost. I am part of a team really who work within the walls of Waiapu House and with only 10 hours a week there is a limit to my input.

Each Wednesday is the day for a communion service with assistance given from individuals from St Luke's Havelock North.  
Bedside communion is offered during the afternoon.

I attend the mid-day meal on Wednesdays and say 'Grace' before the meal sharing my time at various tables.

A Morning Prayer service is offered on the second and fourth Sunday each month.

I endeavour to meet residents either in their rooms or join them in an activity which can be great fun and enables me to see them in different situations.

There are four areas of living to oversee – 18 Chalets, 12 Apartments, the Rest Home and the hospital.

This year I presented a 'Remembrance' service for the first time in remembrance of those who had passed on, with families being invited to attend.

There are staff trainings which I can attend as well as Clergy Days.

I feel blessed to be able to touch so many people and to be a part of their lives; sadly I have many funerals also, but they allow me to say a good bye.

I really enjoy such a diverse position at Waiapu House and relish the use of The Good Shepherd Chapel.

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