

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with my God. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to my God: "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

My God replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

Where are we based?

The Chaplaincy Team is based in the Chapel, opposite Ward 17 (Children's Ward), green corridor, ground floor.

How can we be contacted?

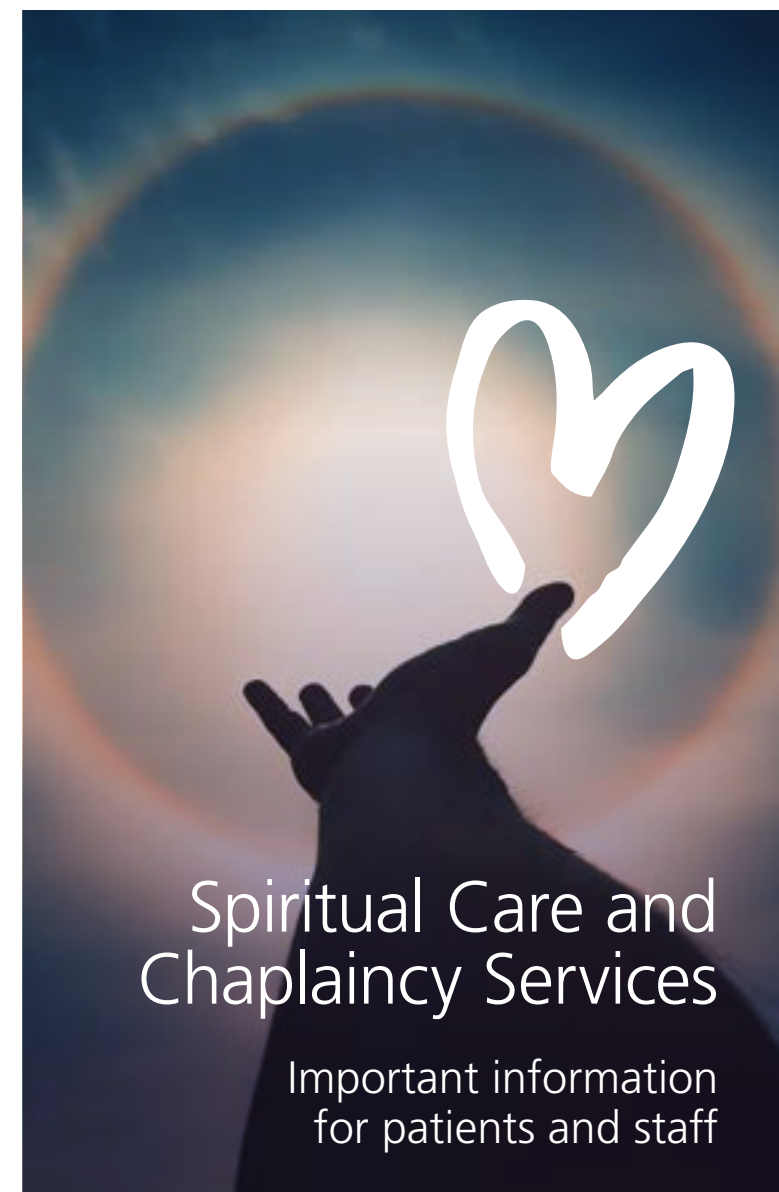
The Chaplaincy Team can be contacted Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm on extension 2721.

Alternatively, call the Bereavement team on 01270 27(3882) or 01270 82(6427). Out of these hours, staff can contact a Chaplain via our switchboard.

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**Spiritual Care and
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Important information
for patients and staff

Because you Matter

Hospital Chaplaincy Team

Chaplains:

- Church of England
- Roman Catholic
- Free Church
- Non-religious (Humanist)
- Volunteer groups



What church services do we provide?

A church service is held every Sunday at 11.15am in the hospital chapel. All are welcome. Volunteers are available to escort you to the Chapel, if required. Please speak to a member of staff. (Broadcast via hospital radio during COVID-19 restrictions. You can access the station by connecting to 'Patient_WiFi' at Leighton Hospital and click 'Proceed to internet', then click 'Hospital Radio Leighton'.)

Prayer cards are available in the chapel, or by request from the Chaplaincy Team.

What support is available?

Chaplains offer a wide range of confidential support and assistance to people of all faiths and beliefs. At the request of patients, relatives, friends or staff, we can:

- Offer a listening ear
- Be present at times of distress and anxiety
- Provide scriptures / holy texts or religious materials
- Help in the spiritual search to understand a concern or illness
- Help contact your local faith community
- Reflect upon loss, grief and End of Life issues
- Offer support on ethical and religious questions
- Offer religious support through prayer, worship, ritual or sacraments
- Advise on funeral arrangements and associated matters

What do we provide for other faiths?

The Chaplaincy Team seeks to provide for the religious needs of various faith groups.



You may prefer a representative from your particular faith. If so, we are happy to support you in making contact with a representative to meet your needs.

The hospital has a designated Prayer Room next to the chapel. There is also a Mosque on site, which includes washing facilities.

Please ask the Chaplaincy Team for more information.