

The ROYAL MARSDEN
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Chaplaincy

Pastoral Care

**Information for patients,
visitors and staff**



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Spiritual and religious care

Being in hospital can be a lonely and unsettling experience. People may value the opportunity to talk with someone about what's happening to them and how they feel about the changes they are facing. Sometimes people also appreciate support when they wish to give thanks or celebrate something special. We provide a wide range of care, support, and practical advice. We are also a resource for responding to diverse religious and cultural issues and needs.

We offer

- Support for patients, relatives and friends, and staff. We are here for all; you do not need to follow a particular religion to contact us
- Time and space to explore thoughts, feelings or concerns
- Religious care through reflection, prayer, reading of scriptures or sharing the sacraments
- Scriptures from various religious traditions, prayer books and cards
- Help to enable people to practise their faith within the hospital setting
- Services for special occasions such as Christmas Carol Services, our annual Time for Remembering and Celebrate a Life events (further details regarding Celebrate a Life events are available from the Fundraising team)
- Prayer and blessing following marriage or civil partnership
- Support and prayers at end-of-life

The chaplains

The chaplains are available to offer spiritual and religious care for patients, visitors and staff. They are here for you whether or not you have a religious faith. Chaplains are available during normal working hours (Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm) and at weekends (9am until 5pm).

If you would like to see a chaplain, please contact the chaplaincy:

Chelsea

Telephone: 020 7808 2818

Extension: 2818 (if dialling from inside the hospital)

E-mail: alistair.mcculloch@rmh.nhs.uk

Sutton

Telephone: 020 8661 3646

Extension: 3646 (if dialling from inside the hospital)

E-mail: anne.doerr@rmh.nhs.uk

The chaplaincy team is made up of representatives of the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, the Free Churches, the Muslim faith and a number of pastoral volunteers serving our hospital communities in Chelsea and Sutton:

Rev Alistair McCulloch

Lead Chaplain (Chelsea & Sutton)
Church of England

Rev Anne Doerr

(Sutton) Church of England

Deacon Pat Soule

(Chelsea) Free Church / Methodist

Rev Vlada Rakin

(Sutton) Free Church

Fr Joseph McCullough

(Chelsea & Sutton) Roman Catholic

Fr Mario Sant

(Chelsea) Roman Catholic

Fr Stephen Borg

(Sutton) Roman Catholic

Imam Sadeq Hansali

(Chelsea & Sutton) Muslim

Representatives of other faiths are available on request through the chaplains' office.

The chapels

The chapels at our Chelsea and Sutton sites are always open and available for prayer or as a quiet space. Services are held during the week and all are welcome to worship with us. There are prayer boards for your prayer requests in both our chapels.

Chelsea

The hospital chapel is near to the main reception (Fulham Road entrance).

Service

Thursday, 1pm

Holy Communion

All are welcome to worship with us

We also have regular music recitals in our chapel at Chelsea. Please contact us if you would like to have details of the next event.

There is a Muslim Prayer Room on the ground floor of the Wallace Wing (opposite the Facilities office) which is open at all times.

Sutton

The hospital chapel is near to the third floor lift in the West Wing of the main hospital building.

Services

Wednesday, 1pm

Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, 1pm

Holy Communion

All are welcome to worship with us

There is a Muslim Prayer Room next to the chapel which is open at all times.

Prayer

O God, I do not know what this day will bring. I place everything into your hands. Give me the strength to cope with my problems and anxieties. Give me the gift of your peace in my heart. Thank you for your promise that you will never leave me.

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