

Pastoral care for patients, visitors and staff

Our Chaplaincy team



Need to talk?

Coming into hospital for any reason, or visiting somebody who is in pain or distress, can be an unsettling experience. Questions, fears and anxieties can affect your wellbeing and ability to adjust to the demands of illness and treatment.

We have time to listen

Chaplains are integral members of the healthcare team, employed to care for the pastoral and spiritual needs of the whole hospital community – regardless of their beliefs.

We offer confidential, professional support and pastoral counselling in a friendly and unhurried manner.

Chaplains are available during normal office hours, and provide a 24 hour on-call service to respond to urgent or emergency calls.

Although we regularly visit the wards, we may miss you, or you may be busy when we call in. Please ask your nurse if you would like us to call again.

Quiet spaces

Spaces for prayer and worship are available on our hospital sites.

John Radcliffe Hospital

- Chapel / prayer room, main corridor, Level 2
- Smaller prayer space, LG2, West Wing

Churchill Hospital

- Quiet space opposite WH Smith, main entrance, Surgery and Diagnostics
- Chapel / prayer room close to OCDEM, access via old main entrance, Car Park 4

Sir Michael Sobell House Hospice

- Chapel / prayer room on the main inpatient ward corridor

Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre

- The Sanctuary: a prayer space on the first floor

Horton General Hospital

- Chapel / prayer room on the main corridor

All prayer spaces are kept open 24 hours a day. Resources are available for people from all faith backgrounds and traditions, including prayer mats and a selection of spiritual reading.

Religious services

- A Chaplain is always available to pray with, or for, patients and families.
- The Christian sacraments of communion / mass or anointing the sick at the bedside are available on request.
- Religious ministry from all faith traditions can be arranged on request.
- A Chapel service is broadcast by Radio Cherwell on Sundays at 10.00am and 5.00pm.
- Details of weekly services for congregational prayer are advertised on the notice boards outside each Chapel / prayer room.

Individual support

If you or your family members would appreciate support through prayer, the sacraments or talking through your concerns or faith issues, then please ask a member of staff to contact the Chaplain on your behalf.

We're here for everyone

Our team includes representative ministers from the major Christian and Muslim faiths. We work with faith advisors and trained volunteers from a wide range of faith backgrounds and traditions, to provide respectful and comprehensive spiritual care to all our patients, families and staff.

We can offer advice on cultural and religious issues and concerns related to all aspects of hospital care. We can also contact local or nominated ministers, priests or faith leaders for you or your family members.



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Please ask a member of staff if you wish to see a Chaplain during your stay or visit.

- Telephone **01865 857 921** (non-urgent messages and referrals)
- Email **chaplaincy@ouh.nhs.uk**
- If you need to contact a Chaplain outside of normal office hours, please call the hospital switchboard and ask for the on-call Chaplain

If you have a specific requirement, need an interpreter, a document in Easy Read, another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call **01865 221 473** or email **PALSJR@ouh.nhs.uk**

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