

CTF Community Prayers, April 2021

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The Chaplaincy: seven Chaplains for all hospitals in the Trust, although only five are working at the moment, and are all authorised by their denomination but are appointed by the NHS Trust. Chaplains are there for patients, family of patients and staff. The chaplains are available for those of any faith or none.

It's been difficult through recent months, for example

- Needing to wear PPE so unable to give support in the way that would normally happen, particularly with so many people dying from Covid.
- Having to support families who have not been able to visit loved ones.
- Supporting staff under pressure

Praise God that things have calmed down now but it has been hectic.

Pray for patients and their families.

- Pray for the families of those who have died
- Pray for those who have recovered but are suffering long-term effects
- Pray for those who have been waiting a long time for treatments and operations deferred.

Pray for hospital staff

- Pray for all the staff in the hospitals not just the medical staff but porters, mortuary staff, cleaners, communications team. Pray for those staff who died from Covid and who lost loved ones from it.
- Pray for staff who are struggling because of the pandemic and those who have left the NHS because of the pressure.
- Pray for those who manage the Trust who have needed to make weighty decisions that affect people's lives.
- Pray for workers who have not been able to get to work because they were shielding and all who were working from home..

Praise God for positives for staff – giving vaccinations, those deployed and enjoyed the challenge of doing something different.

Pray for the Chaplaincy Team

- Pray that the volunteers may be able to get back to work safely and for new volunteers and chaplains, particularly bank chaplains who can step in if Chaplains are sick (three in the team have had Covid).
- That they may know how best to support the staff in the hospital.