



The Chaplaincy Service at Mount Vernon Hospital

The Chaplaincy Service at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre (including Michael Sobell House) cares for the pastoral, spiritual and religious needs of patients, relatives and staff. The telephone number for the Chaplaincy office is 01923 844487.

Facing an illness such as cancer can be an anxious and stressful time, whether you have a strong religious faith or not. The Chaplaincy Service is here to help support patients and their relatives through this difficult time, by offering a friendly, listening ear and whatever appropriate spiritual or religious care is required, all in strict confidence.

The diagnosis of a serious illness often raises all sorts of questions (about life, death, faith, God, the afterlife, future plans and provisions etc.) that may not have been thought about much before this time.

The Chaplains are available and willing to spend time with both patients and their relatives to help them work through such questions, and whatever fears or anxieties they might have, whatever their faith or if they have none.

The Chaplaincy Team

There are a full-time Anglican Chaplain, a part-time lay Roman Catholic Chaplain and three trained and accredited part-time volunteer lay Chaplains on the team.

A Chaplain is available at any time of the day or night, 9am Monday – 9am Saturday (excluding Bank Holidays) throughout the year, and can be contacted via the hospital switchboard. We regret that there is no other cover over the weekend.

If you particularly wish to see a Roman Catholic Priest, please specify that clearly.

The Hospital Chapel

This is located near the main hospital entrance and is available for personal use 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

A short 30 minute service of Christian worship is held in the Chapel every Sunday at 11.00am.

Patients who wish to attend should either let a member of the Chaplaincy team know or ask a member of staff to contact the Chaplaincy team, and they will be collected and returned by a team of volunteers.

Other Faith Groups

The Chaplaincy Service has an extensive list of contacts for most of the other major faith groups, and these can usually be contacted fairly quickly (phone 01923 844487).

Muslim prayer room

This is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. To get there go past the Car Parking office and through the door just beyond it on the right. Then go through the first door on your left and the prayer room is the last room on the left. It is signposted from the main entrance.