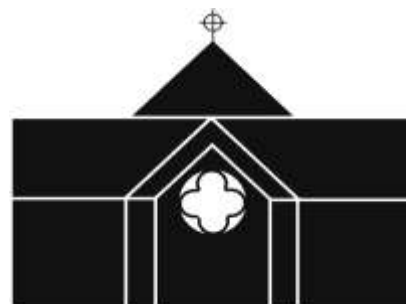


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AGM 16th May 2020 Poppy Room RSA Armagh Street 10am

Hello to all our Supporters,

Well here we are into November already, spring is coming to an end as we look forward to summer, Christmas and holidays.

The Memorial Chapel

The chapel is open 3 days a week and the summer hours of 1-4pm have now started. This is proving to be very popular albeit weather dependent. We have had a number of events in the chapel this year including monthly Mass services, a blessing, small wedding and a number of special groups. The comments have been very pleasing. Of immense interest to visitors is the history of the chapel and its significance. The carpet runner generates plenty of discussion as do the Christchurch Nurses photo albums. Nurses visiting the chapel are often seen having a chuckle over their class photos.

Considered to be one of the best displays in New Zealand the stained -glass windows now have information cards on the sill below each window. Our thanks to Andrea Grieve who spent considerable time and effort putting the information together and having the cards printed.

We have 4 weddings booked, 3 for 2020 and 1 for 2021. Disappointingly, until a decision is made, we are required to restrict numbers in the chapel to 50. Unfortunately, this is having a significant effect on our bookings. Discussions continue with the Christchurch City Council and the Fire Service who will hopefully give us the mandate to increase the capacity to 90 or 100 people in the not too distant future.

There have been problems with the very heavy bollards which are placed across the carpark to the side of the chapel. The bollards, which weigh approximately 12kg each have on occasions caused problems for our volunteers as they remove them to open the carpark. We thank the Christchurch City Council for agreeing to replace the bollards with a telescopic barrier arm which will make it a lot easier for everyone. It is hoped this will be in place before Christmas.

Museum Update - Passing on the Marquette story to younger generations

A huge thank you to Liz Grant, who has been helping us with the Museum. First the main display cabinet was painted by Jude Turner and Diana Francis Casey and the lighting was upgraded. Liz advised the Museum Committee on how to present the *Marquette* story to visitors.



Nanette Ainge inspecting the new display with Sam McKinnon, Exhibition Designer, Air Force museum.

Two items retrieved on 23rd October 1915 are now on display. Alex Prentices' lifeboat flare handle used to attract the attention of rescue ships and Vic Peters' watch items have been mounted by staff at the Air Force Museum. Resin display mounts were made to fit these unique objects. Using a new process, Alex Rutherford completed this work under the guidance of Sam McKinnon, Exhibition Designer. We are grateful for their help.



Victor Peter's watch in its new resin mount. The watch stopped when Vic sank into the sea.

Jude Turner has set up a display for children with suitable education aids available. Visits can be booked on our website at www.cnmc.org.nz/bookings/



A digital kiosk in the museum provides visitors with easy access to a wealth of information. The iPad was purchased as part of the Lotteries Grant.

Our sincere thanks to Liz Grant and the hard-working museum sub group under the watchful eye of Nanette Ainge. In 2020, we hope that interest will grow and we look forward to visits from the public, tour groups and schools.



Jude Turner, Bev Rayna, Diana Francis-Casey and Beth Wynn Williams admire the new digital display kiosk. (Absent: Ray Wootton and Andrea Grieve).

Mount Felix Tapestry



Two tapestries finished on the last leg of the New Zealand Tour at the National Army Museum. One of Clutha Mackenzie started August 2018 at the beginning of the tour and one of Jimmy McNish started earlier this year when the tapestry visited Dunedin.

Designed by Andrew Crummy
Photo National Army Museum, Te Mata Toa, Waiouru

The Mount Felix Tapestry has now returned to the UK. Our thanks to Rosemary Burnby who did a tremendous job organising its journey around New Zealand. Two new tapestry panels were completed during the time the tapestry was here and were presented to Rosemary in Waiouru at the end of July. The panels will be shown to the local embroiderer's Guild and other organisations who have shown interest in the project before they are returned to the UK along with the visitors' books which are currently being bound. The tapestry books have sold well and have brought in a considerable amount of money for the Friends Committee. There are 42 remaining and Rosemary continues to receive requests for this beautiful book.

Nurses' Memorial Chapel Volunteers

A very heartfelt thank you to our volunteers who have enabled us to open the Nurses' Memorial chapel 3 days a week for the past year. We have had many visitors who have expressed their appreciation at being able to view the chapel again and the number of visitors is steadily increasing as word gets around that the chapel is now open. It has been encouraging to hear from visitors who have a connection with the chapel. We have approximately 30 Volunteers on our list who cover the 3 afternoons a week. We continue to seek more people who may be interested in doing an afternoon once every 4-5 weeks as a volunteer. A further training day for new volunteers will be offered early next year.

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Heritage Week 2019

This year we were delighted to have Anna Rodgers, author of *Stand for all Time* present in the chapel on Marquette Day 23rd October. This presentation was attended by a large group of people. It is hoped that we will have the opportunity to include the memorial chapel in the heritage walk in the future.

Thank you

A special thank you to the Christchurch School of Nursing Association for their very generous donation of \$4,000. This money was donated to the Friends last year and the committee spent some time looking at what we could purchase that would make a difference to the chapel. The decision was made to purchase a new sound system which has been ordered and due to arrive late November. It comprises the system itself which is on wheels and can be moved easily, lapel and hand held microphones and a microphone stand. We are very grateful to the Association for making this possible. We expect to be using the system for the first wedding in January next year.

Technology and Audio-Visual Equipment

With the recent purchase of an iPad mounted on a stand for the museum, the use of technology is increasing for the chapel. Some of the key points around the technology can be a little tricky to work out, but once you get the idea it is usually smooth sailing.

Internet is provided to the chapel by a small cellular box attached to the back of the AV trolley, which is usually located at the back of the chapel. The internet is provided through the cell phone network (mobile) and not hard wired through a cable due to the requirement to not damage the building by installing fixed cables. This means that to get any internet in the building, the Cellular WiFi box must be turned on – even if you just want to use the iPad which is in the boutique museum. It is easy to get power to the Cellular WiFi box – just plug the AV trolley in and turn the power on, and then turn the Cellular WiFi box on. It is important not to forget to turn the WiFi box off again once finished.

Located with the AV trolley is a list of step by step instructions on how to turn on the AV equipment and the Cellular WiFi box, and there is also information about turning on the Museum iPad.

Do you Need Cards Brochures or Books?

Xmas is almost here and all our products are available for purchase at the chapel including tote bags. We are currently working on a new brochure which will replace "The Nurses' Memorial Chapel" brochure.

Our thanks to Anna Rogers who has spent many hours helping us with this document to ensure we produce an informative, well written, user-friendly brochure.

We are at the quote and layout stage and are hoping to have it ready for Christmas or soon after.



Membership

The Friends subscription year is April 1st to March 31st therefore, subscriptions for 2019 are due by 31 March 2020. Your support of the chapel is much appreciated by The Friends of the Nurses' Memorial Chapel Committee. Members receive a bi-annual newsletter to keep them informed of chapel activities.

Please ensure when renewing your subscription all details are up to date so our membership database remains current.

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This is the final newsletter for 2019

I would like to thank everyone especially the members of the Friends committee and the Trust who have contributed to making the first year of the chapel re-opening such a success. As time goes by and we overcome some of the remaining hurdles I am sure we will see lots of activity in the future.

On behalf of the Friends of the Nurses' Memorial Chapel committee, we hope you all have a very happy, safe and restful Christmas with friends and family and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.