



# IN TOUCH

*The Friends of the Nurses'*

*Memorial Chapel*

*Newsletter*

*April 2024*

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Welcome members to 2024 What a wonderful summer we have had albeit very dry and the garden feeling a little fragile! Sadly, the mornings are now dark, the air temperature has dropped, and the days have autumn written all over them. Time to gather the nuts, chop the wood and drag out the winter attire.

## Events at the Chapel

Since November there have been very few events held in the Chapel.

A successful Xmas afternoon tea was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November to thank the volunteers for their support during the year. Approximately 10 volunteers attended and appreciated the lovely afternoon tea provided by Steph Cook. We all received a little bag of beautiful Xmas fudge also made by Steph.

Janine Randell 50<sup>th</sup> year nursing class anniversary held a church service conducted by Angela McCormick (Nurse/Chaplain) for 20 colleagues in the Chapel on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. Angela talked about the Registered Nurses medal and the colours. Robyn Bisset then spoke on the history of the Chapel and the restoration following the earthquakes. The service concluded with Angela speaking on the significance of the 5-pointed star and also the Christchurch Hospital medal which

was presented to those nurses who completed their post graduate year. This was a morning enjoyed by all. Once again, the volumes of finalist photographs attracted a great deal of interest.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> April a blessing was held in the Chapel for Pip Stewart's 1983 nurses' group for their anniversary. A short service to bless the plaque was conducted by Rose Rarm a nurse from their class.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> April a plaque was placed on a pew in the presence of 12 nurses from the Class of '67. This was a group of Princess Margaret Nurses to celebrate 57 years of nursing.

## ANZAC DAY



*2018 Dawn Service wreath – Cranmer Square*

The ANZAC Day Service is scheduled for 9.30am at the Chapel. Unfortunately, as you are all aware we are restricted to 50 people which kept the invitation list small. This will be a short ½ hour service with representatives from the Defence Force, RSA, and the membership. The service will culminate with the playing of the Last Post.

The white crosses will be placed on the grass in the Chapel Garden the week before ANZAC Day.

## AGM

The AGM will be held on May 11th at 10am at Manawa in Antigua Street. All welcome to attend Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you to Manawa for once again agreeing to host our AGM.

## International Nurses' Day

The 12<sup>th</sup> May this year is a Sunday and Becky Hickmott Executive Director of Nursing Waitaha Canterbury |Te Tai o Poutini West Coast will be presenting in the Chapel at 11am. Further information relating to this presentation will be released via our communication channels shortly.



*Photo: Cheryl English*

## Chapel Parquet Floor

The Chapel floor requires some attention. There are several tiles that have worked loose due to the grout between the tiles being worn and there are a few that are broken. The person who cleans and polishes the floor and who was involved in the restoration of the Chapel has examined the floor and has recommended to us that this be addressed by the Christchurch City Council. We are awaiting the verdict.

## Calligrapher

The struggle to find a calligrapher to continue with entries in our beautiful Memorial Book continues. Robyn Bisset and I have spent endless hours seeking out possible candidates but to no avail. However, we currently have a lady who teaches calligraphy in Christchurch looking at whether she can meet the requirements and fulfil this role for us. There are very few calligraphers available in Christchurch in fact very few New Zealand wide. We are making every endeavour to keep the Memorial Book current but if this is not possible, we may have to close it.

## Museum News

Our mannequin has lost her hair!!!! However, we think she looks much nicer without it.

The museum continues to look fantastic thanks to the team ably led by Nanette Ainge. It has been a quiet time for the museum committee as they continue to carry out the auditing process.

## Website

The website is now fully operational for the purchasing of all resources making ordering easier. Don't forget you can also pay your membership through the website.

## Live Streaming

As reported in my last newsletter the sound and picture quality for live streaming in the Chapel is not of good standard. After a lot of discussion with the committee and acquiring quotes to upgrade our camera to improve this service the decision has been made to put this on hold in the meantime.

## Resources

We have a plentiful supply of cards, garden maps, tote bags and Anna Rogers book "Stand for All Time" available. The tea towels ordered before Xmas have proven to be very popular. They make wonderful gifts so next time you are in the Chapel have a

look, or as with all our resources you can order and pay on line.

### Heritage Week

This year Heritage week will be held from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. The theme for 2024 looks to explore our heritage in terms of sport, recreation, and leisure. Now, that is going to take a bit of lateral thinking for us I feel!!

### Volunteers

As always, our volunteers continue to support the Chapel by doing a shift once or twice every 6 weeks to enable us to keep the Chapel open 3 days a week. If you are a volunteer and not able to fulfil your allocated shift, please, using the volunteers contact list try to find someone who may be able to swap with you. Volunteers are all very obliging and will help if they can.

If you have a friend or know of someone whom you think would enjoy being a volunteer, please let Steph Cook know. We are always looking for new people.

### Membership

We are always trying to build our membership, so if you know of any past or present nurses who would be interested in joining the Chapel family, please encourage them to do so. When renewing your subscription please ensure all your details are up to date for us to accurately maintain the data base. All membership fees can be paid through the internet banking or through our website. Please include your name and subscription amount.

Keep warm and well and I look forward to seeing you either at the AGM or the Chapel over the next few winter months.

*Pip Mason*  
President

### Membership

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