STRENGTH TODAY. HOPE FOR TOMORROW

How your church can bring to people in hospital this Christmas



Why this matters

Christmas is a season of joy and togetherness, but for families in hospital, it can be the loneliest and hardest time of all.



Hospital chaplains walk alongside patients and whānau every day, offering support, encouragement, and care when it's needed most. Families like Molly's — a young mum overcoming addiction while caring for her baby — rely on chaplains to feel seen, heard, and encouraged.

This Christmas, your church can make a real difference.



Your church's generosity ensures chaplains can continue to walk alongside families like Molly's — families carrying unseen burdens of fear, grief, or loneliness.

Together, we can help make sure no one in hospital feels alone this Christmas.

I was sick and you looked after me. ??

Matthew 25:36

3 ways your church can give support

Prayer & Awareness



Include hospital chaplains and the people they support in your **Advent prayers and services.**

Share Molly's story or chaplaincy updates in your church newsletter

Use your church's social media to raise awareness of chaplaincy.

2 Practical Support

In some locations, churches can offer hands-on help this Christmas. You might:

Share Christmas carols in hospital spaces (where permitted)

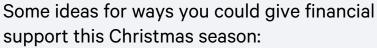
Provide refreshments for staff or chaplaincy events

Donate items for patient care packages

Help decorate the hospital chapel or assist at services

To enquire about possible opportunities in your area, email funding@hospitalchaplaincy.org.nz

3 Financial Support





Give a donation on behalf of your church.

Take up an Advent or Christmas offering.

Host a morning tea, carol service, or other event to raise funds and awareness.

Encourage church members to give individually.



Visit:

www.hospitalchaplaincy.org.nz/church-christmas-appeal



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