

Friends of Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy

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Introducing

May we introduce to you Hannelie Parsloe, the new “office lady” who will be working alongside the current administrator, Alison. We love her already. Hannelie will be working part time, allowing Alison to also work part time. Together, they will support the Chaplain and the team. We are confident that Hannelie is the right fit for Chaplaincyh.



Hannelie with hubby
Colin.

Hannelie grew up in South Africa and later lived in the United Kingdom, before settling in Rotorua five years ago.

She and Colin have been married for 26 years and together they have three amazing children – two boys and a girl – plus their small fluffy dog Sky, who is very much part of the family.

In Hannelie’s own words:

“My relationship with God and my faith, together with my family, are the most important parts of my life. I love nothing more than spending time with them. I want to live out God’s love every day – in the way I connect with others, the way I serve and the way I care for those around me.

I have recently started as the Chaplaincy administrator, and I am really looking forward to developing myself and growing in this role. As an administrator, I love supporting people and blessing teams with the skills God has given me. It is exciting to be part of something that makes a difference, and I feel privileged to contribute in this way.

I also have a passion for travelling, meeting new people, and discovering different cultures – it’s something that has shaped who I am today.

Rotorua has truly become home, and I feel very grateful for the community and friendships I’ve found here. And if you’re ever visiting the hospital, I would love it if you came by to say hi – it would be wonderful to meet new people.”

Welcome Hannelie – may you be blessed as you serve our Lord here in Chaplaincy.



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Meet the team – Timothy Lee

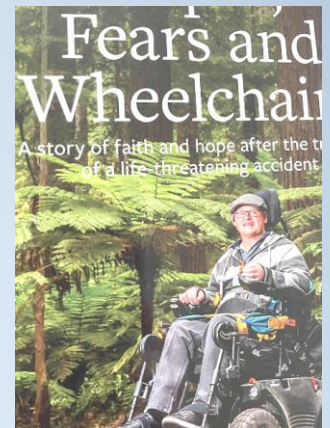


The many faces of Rev'd Timothy Lee

Timothy Lee joined our Chaplaincy team in 2016, and has been such a passionate volunteer when it comes to visiting patients, and also a real fun person. We are very blessed to have him on our team, with his wisdom, and the many gifts that he brings. But wait, there is more



On September 13, at the Rotorua Baptist Church, Timothy launched his book "Hopes, Fears and Wheelchairs." He was interviewed by his very lovely sister-in-law (he said his favourite sister-in-law) Cindy, who has also written a book called "Walking Through the Fire."



Timothy started his sharing with the people present at the launch by acknowledging his wife Jenny, who has walked with him on this unplanned journey. People had been asking him since 2010 if he would write a book as it is a unique story that needs to be heard. He hoped that people could relate to his book as we all have troubles, and trauma that we don't expect. These things need not bury us. There is always a means to carry on, things that will get you up in the morning. People in Timothy's community are all part of his journey.

We all have different responses to life and Timothy found ways to know that he can still do stuff, ways to help harness survival strategies, and help with his mental health. We all have strengths and weaknesses and need to acknowledge those things.

When asked if he was always positive, Timothy responded that he gets very frustrated. He would desperately love to help Jenny, love to be able to drive. He relies on help for everything, from loyal and caring people, but it takes away his freedom – he can't pick up his grandson, use tools – these things still hurts.

Grief is a real thing. It triggers. The moment does pass so it is important to do one day at a time, and to be grateful for the small things. Comparison is a dangerous thing; wellbeing and contentment a privilege. Everything counts for something. (*Notes from interview with Timothy*).



Jenny has contributed to Timothy's book – it is her journey as well.



Books now available at \$29.99 each – a must buy.



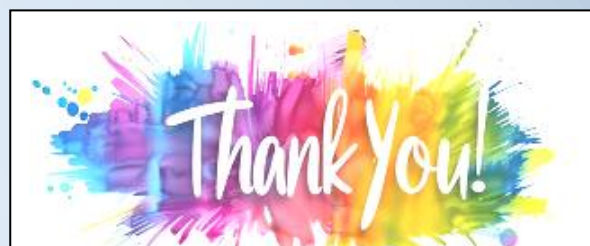
Interview in process

This book launch and interview had everything going for it – an overwhelming amount of people there to support Timothy and Jenny; it had humour, it was raw, it brought tears to people's eyes.

Thank you Timothy and Congratulations!



The Rotorua Trust are amazing. Every year they provide funds to Chaplaincy for this little thing called "Running Costs." This could be something like a new uniform for a volunteer, or a contribution to the volunteer's annual retreat. We are so grateful to them. So



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Child Boxes this year – we had over 50 blessed by our Chaplain, Paul, put together by Ali and Hannelie, and collected ready to bless children who do not otherwise get many gifts for Christmas.



Paul blessing the boxes that they will have a safe journey into a child's open arms.



A doll. Dental Floss. A toothbrush. A toy car. A yo-yo. A comb.

Every item lovingly added to a Christmas Child box has the potential to influence a child.

24/7 Week of Prayer

For a 7-day period, the Chapel here at the hospital, was filled with people from Churches around Rotorua to pray and to worship. This was coordinated by Elizabeth Pilaar who had a vision that this Global Week of Prayer was to be in a position that overlooked Rotorua, and what better place than in an ecumenical location on land originally owned by the Maori of Rotorua.

There were seven prayer stations around the Chapel – a make-shift throne, maps of the world to colour in, a beautiful prayer chain.

Some groups who came were delighted to fill the Chapel with loud and powerful worship, followed by times of intense prayer. Other groups chose a quieter, gentle approach utilizing our piano, and singing as if Angels. Other people chose to simply go alone and be present.

We received comments: "This is such a sacred place". "There is such power of the Holy Spirit here." "This is so comforting." "Oh, I could just stay here..."

Thank you to all who participated. May the Lord continue to bless this Chapel and the work that all the Churches in our community.



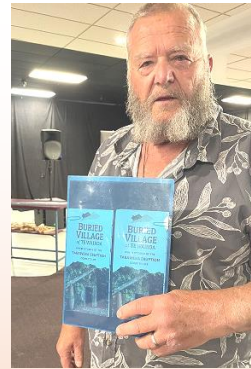
The Message

by Eugene Peterson, 2002

Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best –
As above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and
forgiving others.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty!
Yes. Yes. Yes.



2025 QUIZ NIGHT



Look at all those happy, smiling faces. The room at the Citizens Club was full, and the restaurant staff allowed some tables to take space up there – thank you. We had 23 tables competing against the quizmasters. We had raffles and we had auctions. We had a busy time, and a busy room with people who were all there to support Chaplaincy.

Going clock wise from first left: Linda with the Urbano voucher; Robyn happy with her Friends basket, a very smiley young woman with her Sulphur City Soapery voucher; a gentleman with his Buried Village vouchers; Karilyn delighted with Juniper candles, Barb with her Lone Star voucher, two-time raffle winner with her mystery box, the winning table (JB Morrison Lawyer) and the top table getting ready!



You can feel the tension in the room.

We cannot do things like this on our own.

Thank you so much.

So many people to thank: (in no particular order):

MacMillan Accountants
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McDonalds
Central Pharmacy
3Mirage
Christine
Angela
Ann

Elaine
Chrissi
Hellsgate
Wendy
Juniper
Angela
Linda
Maximise
Citz Club
JoAnn

Sherryl (she worked so hard putting the raffles together)
Noel and Allan, our quiz masters
Steve, our wonderful auctioneer

And everyone who attended.

COMING UP!

Join the Christmas Caroling Fun!

Come spread joy around the hospital wards on:

Tuesday, 23rd December.

Meet in the Chapel at 5pm.

All welcome – The more the merrier!

Refreshments provided.



Teddy Bears for every patient!



2025 Hospital Decorating Competition!

Theme: Manaakitanga

An opportunity for hospital staff to compete against each other for a bit of fun, cups, certificates and chocolates.

February 2026 will be a very busy month with our Annual Retreat at Stepping Stones Ministries - a time for our volunteers to get together, to have spiritual and physical refreshment at the lovely Stepping Stones Ministries.

FOLLOWED BY

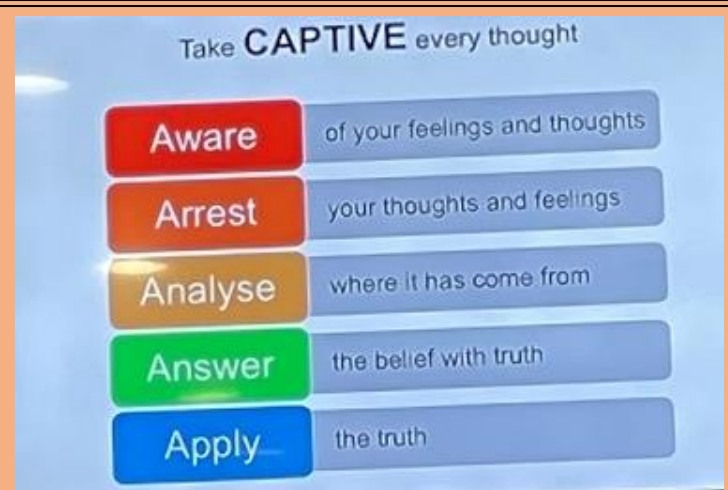
.... a fundraising opportunity by way of a sausage sizzle outside Bunnings - a great way to profile chaplaincy, talk to people and fill their tummies.

AND NOT ONLY, BUT ALSO

.... An opportunity for people to start training to become Volunteers with the wonderful people we already have! Contact Paul or Alison or Hannelie if you would like to be part of this ministry.

2nd Corinthians 10:5

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (NIV).
Bring your thoughts, even those that seem rebellious or harmful, into alignment with God’s will and truth by making them subject to Christ.



A family of 3 generations were grieving the death of a child. They chose one stone for each generation to place together in the urupa at the burial.

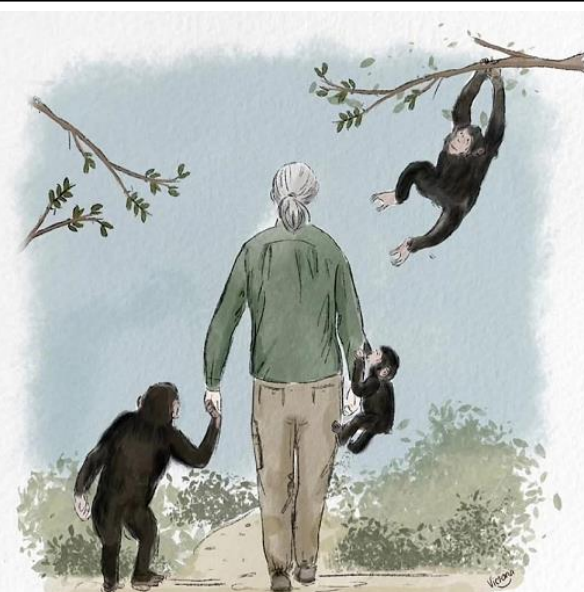


A woman held the stone, then held it again more firmly. She rotated it in her hand. Then she said, with tears, that it reminded her of the stones from where she was born. That was precious to her as it recalled her memories

Musings from a Volunteer Chaplain

Patient Encounter

I was called to ICU where Ms x was on life support surrounded by whanau and friends. While I was there the medical team came in to explain that Ms x would not survive, and they would need to consider turning off the life support. Although the whanau and friends held no religious beliefs, they knew Ms x was a Christian and were sure she would have wanted a chaplain present. We chatted for some time and then I offered to pray a blessing on Ms x. Once the life support was turned off Ms x died peacefully. Afterwards I reflected on the privilege we have as chaplains, being invited into these places.



*‘What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.’
Jane Goodall*

**“Every individual matters.
Every individual has a role
to play. Every individual
makes a difference.”**

Jane Goodall



Please continue to pray for us

- For the Chaplain, the volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants and the Administrators
- For the Committee members and our Trustees

HOW IS CHAPLAINCY FUNDED?

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- ❖ Donations from local Churches, Charitable trusts and Individuals, Friends Subscriptions, some Government funding (Ministry of Health and Lakes District Health Board). Donations over \$5.00 are eligible for a tax rebate.

Where do you come in? You may wish to:

- ❖ Become a Friend of the Rotorua Hospital Trust, make a donation to the Rotorua Chaplaincy Department, make a regular donation by automatic payment, or make a bequest in your Will.
- ❖ Above all, you can PRAY!

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