



ST STEPHENS UNITING CHURCH
51 Neil Street, Toowoomba

3rd – 5th November 2023

Blue Care Report

Prayer Points

- We give thanks to God for the ongoing commitment of our staff for the care they provide to our vulnerable residents in our Aged Care Facilities and clients in our Communities.
- We give thanks for the organization of Blue Care as it celebrates its 70th year of sharing the love of Christ to our frail, aged and vulnerable.
- We pray for the BlueCare Community Staff as they adjust to the new Neighbourhood Model, for new staff coming onboard and for the clients.
- Please pray for Sharon in her role as Spiritual & Pastoral Carer, for the ministry that she provides to our residents and community clients, and for her health.

Report:

Peter -

Since our last Presbytery gathering-

- Commenced as BlueCare Chaplain on 22nd June
- Spent first few weeks orientating to the position and getting to know staff, residents and clients.
- Attended BlueCare 70th Anniversary Celebrations at Toowoomba, Kingaroy, Gatton, Pittsworth, Crows Nest, Warwick and Goondiwindi .
- Attended Sacraments Workshop at Middle Ridge Uniting Church
- Preached at Lifeworks UC and Middle Ridge UC.
- Attended Downs Presbytery Retreat at Alexandra Headland.
- Continue to travel around the South West visiting with staff and clients, providing emotional and spiritual support.
- Attended Chaplains' gathering in Ipswich on 1st August 2023.
- Attended and led Mission, Values and Wellbeing Training at Community Centres alongside Barbara Betts.
- Visited staff and residents, led Chapel Services and attended staff meetings at the Aged Care Facility.
- Conducted a funeral service for a resident of the Aged Care Facility.

Sharon -

Since our last Presbytery gathering –

- Praise God for Peter Cole starting
- I give thanks for Peter's generosity of spirit and the gift of music, song and laughter.
- The residents are enjoying the refurbished rooms. Refurbishment is still in progress.
- Staff continue to serve and care for our residents.
- One of the main issues that some staff face is getting childcare.
- Continue to provide opportunities for emotional and spiritual support.
- Residents are enjoying attending the traditional service at MRUC.
- Well-being support is being provided in the community .

Peter and Sharon both attend Supervision, Spiritual Direction sessions and attend educational opportunities as they arise.

Recommendations

1. That this report be received.

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