

Chaplaincy Sunday

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The Story of Chaplaincy in 2021

This year has brought some of the same challenges as 2020, but more importantly, it has brought some great blessings.

Continuing in our endeavour to be innovative and creative, the healthcare chaplaincy ministry was able to take possession of the former Brown Hill Uniting Church manse in Thompson Street and turn it into The Bev Pratt Chaplaincy Centre (BPCC).

Formally opened and dedicated back in January this year, the BPCC is now a space for meeting, training, leading worship, and the administrative centre of the Chaplaincy program. It has been used for various meetings and training events, as well as recording the weekly online Chapel service from the room now known as The Wendouree Chapel.

The Chapel services are designed primarily for those in hospital or aged care – especially during these Covid-restricted times when people can't easily get to church. Teams from all of Ballarat's local UCA congregations take turns to lead a short church service with familiar words, readings, and hymns.

In between lockdowns and restrictions, we had been able to do some pastoral visiting or lead a church service in person from time to time, but the stop-start nature of the restrictions has made this a challenge.

We look forward to brighter days ahead when we can:

- Regularly visit people in hospitals and aged care again.
- Welcome the newly ordained Rev. Lyall Reid, who will join chaplaincy part time for 2 years from August 2021.



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