



Allora Uniting Church
44 Warwick Street, Allora

23rd – 25th February 2024

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 folk in our Aged Care Facilities and in our Communities.
- Please pray for Sharon as she will soon finish in her role as Spiritual & Pastoral Carer. We thank God for the ministry that Sharon has provided to residents and community clients for a long time.
- Please pray for our Community Neighbourhoods as they continue to adjust to the new model of care for clients.

Report

Peter:

Since our last Presbytery gathering:

- Continued monthly visits across our BlueCare Centres, including Gayndah, Murgon, Kingaroy, Gatton, Toowoomba, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Dalby, Chinchilla and Goondiwindi.
- Led a Remembrance Day Service in the Toowoomba Residential Facility and at Gatton BlueCare Centre.
- Visited a growing number of community clients through the Wellbeing Support Service.
- Had regular catch ups with ministers and chaplains either in person, by email or phone.
- Led the Christmas Service in Toowoomba Residential Facility.
- Led a Christmas Carol Service at Gatton BlueCare Centre.
- Have provided emotional and spiritual support to a number of staff in residential and community.
- Preached at Nobby and Wilsonton Uniting Churches.
- Supported clients, families and staff involved in clients going through Voluntary Assisted Dying.
- Given support to families of residents at Toowoomba Residential Facility.
- Visited residents and clients in hospital.
- Participated in a Shrove Tuesday Service at Toowoomba Residential Facility.

Sharon:

Since our last Presbytery gathering:

Doing life with the aged, frail, and vulnerable folk we support, while encouraging exhausted staff and management that there is hope.

- Giving praise for the dedication of the staff and their commitment to the residents and families in our care in both the facility and the communities.
- Giving praise for the hospitality and cleaning staff, In particular the chef and his team that are providing meals of variety that people are enjoying
- Giving praise that at the time of writing this report that the facility is at capacity with residents.
- Pray that the struggle of retaining and finding staff will become easier.
- Pray for the staff in the communities that have had an increase in people declining services provided by BlueCare. This then is creating other staffing issues that mean staff are leaving due to lack of hours of work.
- Give praise for the gifts that Peter brings to the communities that he engages in. The residents and staff appreciate his presence and the gift of his music and song.

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

Recommendation:

1. That this report be received.

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