



CENTRE FOR  
PAEDIATRIC  
SPIRITUAL CARE

# NEWSLETTER

December 2017

In November, the annual meeting of the Paediatric Chaplaincy Network took place in St George's Hospital in London. The theme of the day was Responding to Trauma. Attendees heard from chaplains and multidisciplinary staff who have responded to large scale traumatic events, including the Westminster Bridge attack and the Manchester bombing.

The topics addressed included providing spiritual care in an emergency, and psychological first aid. Chaplains shared their experiences of responding to trauma, and gave some helpful advice on how to support children in these situations. For example, one speaker suggested preparing a box of resources which could be used during a critical incident or traumatic event, so that chaplains can respond quickly and effectively to spiritual and emotional needs.



We also had an update on the PCN Case Studies Project. This is a project to collect case studies of chaplains' spiritual care encounters with children, young people and their families. The aim is that these will all be freely available online to encourage reflection and sharing of skills and good practice. Unfortunately there have been some problems with getting this project off the ground, and so based on feedback from chaplains at this event we are going to improve the information given to patients, families and the hospital where the case study will be collected. We will keep you updated!

You can find some of the PowerPoints from the day on the PCN website: <http://www.paediatric-chaplaincy-network.org/events/>

This Christmas we've been busy posing with our #SelfieInTheStable photo board! Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for all the photos.

We wish all of our readers a joyful holiday season and a happy new year. We'll see you in 2018!





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## Blog Posts



This month, Alice Hildebrand, paediatric chaplain in the US, reflects on the impact that faith had on a family after a traumatic event. She discusses the role that the symbolism of a baptism had on the father of a severely injured young child, and how this supported him when he had to make a difficult decision about his daughter's care.

## Upcoming dates

5th January—*Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh* Sikh

6th January—*Epiphany* Christian

14th January—*Hindu* Makar Sankranti

## Multidisciplinary Spiritual Care Accredited Module

March-June 2018

An accredited module aimed at multidisciplinary spiritual care practitioners working in health or palliative care.

## Dates

22<sup>nd</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Assignment due: 10.08.18**

**Cost:** £300 (£250 without the assessment). This includes teaching materials and a resource bag

Visit <http://www.bch.nhs.uk/story/spiritual-care-conferences-and-training> for full details.

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## Featured Article

Carey, L.B., Hodgson, T.J., Soh, R.Y., Amrou A.R., Singh, T.K. and Impiombato C.G. (2016) Moral Injury, Spiritual Care and the Role of Chaplains: An Exploratory Scoping Review of Literature and Resources. *Journal of Religions and Health* 55(4), 1218-45.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10943-016-0231-x>

## Abstract

This scoping review considered the role of chaplains with regard to 'moral injury'. Moral injury is gaining increasing notoriety. This is due to greater recognition that trauma (in its various forms) can cause much deeper inflictions and afflictions than just physiological or psychological harm, for there may also be wounds affecting the 'soul' that are far more difficult to heal-if at all. As part of a larger research program exploring moral injury, a scoping review of literature and other resources was implemented utilising Arksey and O'Malley's scoping method (Int J Soc Res Methodol 8(1):19-32, 2005) to focus upon moral injury, spirituality (including religion) and chaplaincy.