



CENTRE FOR
PAEDIATRIC
SPIRITUAL CARE

NEWSLETTER

September 2017

It's our birthday!

This month marks two years since we launched the Centre for Paediatric Spiritual Care. We've had a busy time this year. One of the biggest things for us was beginning our research project into the spiritual and emotional needs of siblings of children with a rare disease back in February. This has been the main research focus of the Centre for the past year, as we concentrate on recruiting participants and conducting interviews and focus groups.



Some of the other highlights of our year include:

- Paul Nash (Director of the CPSC) has had an article published in Health and Social Care Chaplaincy, based on the work he did for his Masters dissertation: <https://journals.equinoxpub.com/index.php/HSCC/article/view/31816>
- Liz Bryson became the first person to complete a Paediatric Chaplaincy Postgraduate Certificate by passing all the modules run by our team in conjunction with the Institute for Children Youth and Mission
- Running a Paediatric Chaplaincy module.
- Hearing from lots of other organisations about the work that they have been doing, and producing a newsletter based on what they have been doing

We had a very special event this month when a couple wanted to get married in the hospital Chapel. Despite only having a week to organise the ceremony and reception, the bride and groom, their families and hospital staff, worked hard to create a beautiful event celebrating the love between the couple.





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Blog Posts

Sally Nash, Director of research at the CPSC, has written a blog reflecting on the past year of work at the Centre, and thinking about what the future might hold for us.

You can read her thoughts here.

Featured Article

https://www.nhpco.org/sites/default/files/public/ChiPPS/ChiPPS_e-journal_Issue-48.pdf?_zs=h1SRG1&_zl=amqw3

The latest issue of the Children's Project on Palliative/Hospice Services (ChiPPS) E-Journal is all about Spiritual Care of Children and Their Families. It contains lots of articles relevant to paediatric spiritual care from a variety of perspectives:

Suspended, Kristin Wickless, RN, BSN

A Mother's Perspective on Palliative Spiritual Care: What Helped, What is Still Needed, Dannel Shu

"Existential Distress": Alleviating a Teen's Psychological Pain at the End of Life, Ann Fitzsimons, BS, MBA

The Role of Hope in Pediatric Palliative Care Suzanne Toce, MD

The Role of Spirituality in Caring for Children and Their Families, Reverend Harlan E. Ratmeyer, D. Min.

A Village of Care, M. Karen Ballard, MCM, BCC

Supportive Care: Be the Door, Karen Wilson-Kedro, OT

Who Ya Gonna Call? Rev. Becky Johnson, MDiv,

Using Art to Facilitate Spiritual Exploration, Rev. Kirstin Springmeyer, MDiv, BCC

Religion, Spirituality, and Pediatric Patients and Families: Research, Assessment, and Care, Melissa Kurtz, MSN, MA, RN, PhDc, & Ashley Hurst, JD, MDiv, MA

Nurses and Spiritual Care of Seriously-Ill Children and Their Families, Betty R. Ferrell, RN, PHD, MA, FAAN, FPCN, CHPN

Upcoming dates

October—*Black History month*
Cultural

4th October—*Sukkot*
Jewish

19th October—*Diwali*
Hindu, Sikh, Jain

31st October- *Halloween*
Cultural

Paediatric Chaplaincy Network (PCN) Annual Meeting:

Trauma: Individual and communal trauma and the role of paediatric chaplaincy

16th November 2017

10am-4pm

St George's Hospital, Tooting, London

Cost: £10

The PCN is for anyone interested in paediatric chaplaincy. This year's meeting will be looking at how chaplains can support children involved in traumatic events.

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