

Prayer News & Update

Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland

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Welcome to the autumn edition of the Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland Prayer News and Update.

Six months since we officially began operating as an initiative of WPCS, and

VETERANS CHAPLAINCY SCOTLAND

is going from strength to strength

This has been a really encouraging few months. Overleaf there is a summary of some of what we have achieved so far.

The team of chaplains – trained and potential – sits at 12, and we are working hard at developing a footprint across the nation so that we are able to respond quickly and effectively to opportunities and requests which come our way.

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PRAYER POINTS

THANKSGIVING

For our relationship with WPCS, and the support and wisdom they provide.

For the funding which has allowed us to get 'up-and-running' over this six month period.

For the support of a huge range of individuals and organisations – more than we can mention!

For the opportunities for ministry to veterans and their families and community. It is an enormous privilege to serve those who have served our nation.

INTERCESSION

For the Lord's guidance as we move forward.

For volunteers to come on board to share the wonderful openings which are coming our way
- *Is God calling you?*

For continued funding to support the expanding ministry, and for the skills to submit successful bids.

For people with the skills to take on the IT and Social Media aspects of the work.

For the veterans community ... especially as we move into the Season of Remembrance

"We will remember them!"





Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland

"A proactive service providing pastoral care to our veterans and their families promoting hope, healing and acceptance."

Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland seeks to deliver Pastoral Care to veterans and their families. VCS replicates the model of chaplaincy delivered by the in-service Chaplaincies of the three services. Our chaplains have military experience and are trained in pastoral care, bereavement support, spiritual leadership, post trauma healing, trauma risk management, suicide intervention, mental health awareness and moral injury support.

Work officially began in April 2021, but even before this date VCS was providing phone line support to isolated veterans during the height of the COVID pandemic. Since April VCS has gained 5 trained chaplains and 7 potential chaplains in training. VCS is currently delivering pastoral care through referrals from Poppy Scotland.

We provide chaplaincy to Scotland's Bravest Manufacturing Company (SBMC), to a number of Regimental and Corps Associations, through Age Scotland's comradeship scheme, through patrols with Street Pastors, through our Listening Post at the Perth Community City Centre Hub (PCCCH) and by individual referrals via social media and by phone.

VCS has conducted a number of Veteran Association and Remembrance Services, conducted veteran weddings and

funerals, and provided support to veterans and their families on significant anniversary dates, such as the death of a loved one or colleague.

In the last few months VCS has engaged with veterans of all three services, ranging from WW2 veterans, National Service Personnel, NI veterans, veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan and even a recruit discharged from training in 2019. This work has been a privilege as we serve those who served.

In addition VCS has been delivering its Trauma and Moral Injury (TAMI) package to the NHS, Street Pastors and local Churches to raise awareness of potentially morally injurious events (PMIE).

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEER VCS CHAPLAINS

Please get in touch
if you would like to know more!!
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We also welcome Friends of VCS
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.. who take an interested in, and provide
guidance and support to, our work.
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Newsletter and Invitations to our Events

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