



Ashfield
Baptist Homes
Caring for life

Spiritual Care Chaplaincy



Our Mission is to make a positive difference to people's lives by providing personalised care based on Christian principles. Here at Ashfield Baptist Homes, we believe in a holistic approach to the care of our residents.

A word from our *Chief Executive*

Ashfield Baptist Homes has a proud history of providing quality care services to those in need within the inner west community of Sydney.

We have been providing high quality residential and in home aged care in Ashfield for over 75 years.

Our expertise in residential and home care services is underpinned by our values: respect, compassion, integrity, excellence, and stewardship. These values ensure that all who are in our care are treated with dignity and respect. We at Ashfield Baptist Homes believe this to be the cornerstone of quality care. Spiritual care is an integral part of the care we provide. It is provided to all people, of all faiths, if and when they choose to access the service.

It's what sets us apart.



ABH Chief
Executive
Leigh Kildey



What is Spiritual Care?

Spiritual care at ABH helps our residents lead a fulfilling spiritual life and build meaningful connections as they navigate and adjust to the challenges and transitions of ageing.

Australia is home to a rich diversity of faiths, cultures, beliefs, and traditions. At ABH, we offer care to all people regardless of cultural background or religious denomination.

Spiritual care seeks to uphold the rights of older people to express their spirituality in meaningful ways through everyday support. Consequently, our residents' quality of life is upheld as they flourish through the ageing process.



What is the role of a Chaplain?

The Chaplain seeks to **support** our residents to explore their Spirituality whilst providing emotional and social support for overall well-being.

The Chaplain's role recognises the importance of Spirituality in holistic care by providing person-centred opportunities. Residents engage with meaningful connections to nature, self, others, creativity, religion or expressions of cultural faith and practices.

The Chaplain is available to support all our residents, their families, volunteers and ABH staff.



Chapel Services

In-house Chapel services are organised and facilitated by our on-site Chaplain to cater for the religious and cultural needs of our residents. Our beautiful Chapel provides a serene atmosphere for those wishing to attend.

- Non-denominational Sunday Services (weekly 9:30 am)
- Non-denominational Devotion and Communion Services (Every Wednesday 10:00am)
- Catholic Mass (2nd & 3rd Tuesdays 10:00am)
- Greek Orthodox Mass/ Pastoral visits (Bi-monthly)
- Hymn Reminiscing Services
- Memorial Services
- Special Services (Anzac Day, Easter, Christmas, Remembrance Day)
- One-on-one room visitation with referral priority



What do our Chaplaincy services include?

- A listening ear through one-on-one confidential conversations around work, family, illness, grief and loss, trauma, or other life concerns
- Religious support through prayer, Bible reading, sacraments, and rituals
- Emotional support
- Conversations to explore spirituality
- Social visits with volunteer visitors
- Provision of Bibles and other spiritual material
- Advocacy/Referral
- Hospital visits
- A resource to connect with and build partnerships for support with local churches
- End of life care
- Last Rites
- In house Multi-faith Chapel services
- Pastoral support during Funeral and Memorial Services
- Tailored Cultural Services
- Reminiscing opportunities
- Individual prayer and worship sessions
- Memorial services
- Bethel Home Care visits upon request.





ABH Volunteers

Our dedicated team of caring volunteers form part of the chaplaincy team. They work alongside the chaplain to provide a high standard of Spiritual care radiating warmth and empathy in meaningful ways.

Pastoral visitors from all faiths and volunteer visitors from community cultural groups are available to visit with our residents to meet their Spiritual needs. They ensure that our residents feel welcome through the gift of a handmade warm blanket.





Spiritual Reminiscence Group

Reminiscence involves remembering an event and how we felt about that event. For residents living with dementia, reminiscence is dependent upon the person's spiritual and emotional wellbeing rather than cognition.

The one-on-one or group sessions through music and poetry enhance communication and wellbeing for residents living with dementia.



Meet our ABH Chaplain

Danny Suleiman joined ABH the end of 2025. He has a B.A. in Pastoral Studies and an M. Div in Theology and Interpretation. Danny attained a Diploma in Counselling and a Certificate in Chaplaincy where he used his chaplaincy skills at the Sutherland Hospital.

Danny is involved at his church in Sutherland and is an accredited crisis support volunteer at Lifeline. He loves meeting residents to help understand their needs and support them and their families.



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Contact for Pastoral Care

Spiritual Care is an integral part of the care services provided by Ashfield Baptist Homes.

Contact our Chaplain:

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