

We are building a ministry which is ..

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

*You may be asking,
"Why do Service Veterans
require a specific
chaplaincy?"*

Let me explain

Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland
is an initiative within
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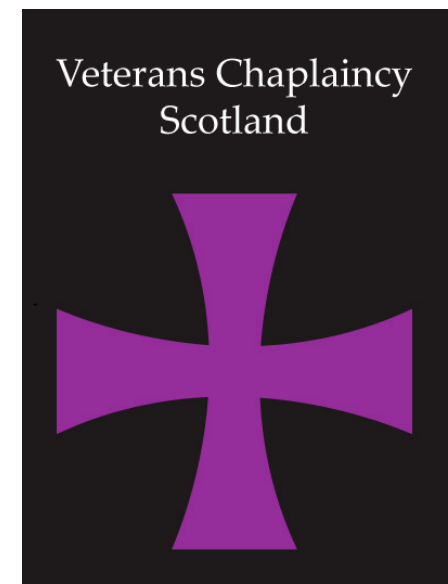
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***Why do we need
a
Veterans Chaplaincy?***

**Veterans Chaplaincy
Scotland**



For generations our nation
has sent its soldiers to war.

Since 1796, everywhere our soldiers have gone
military chaplains have gone as well.

*“Go everywhere they go ... share their
risks. Work in the very front and they
will listen to you; but if you stay behind
you are wasting your time.”*

Rev G Studdert-Kennedy
‘Woodbine Willie’ WW1 chaplain

At peace and at war Royal Navy, Army and Royal
Air Force chaplains have supported our armed
service personnel at home and abroad.

*"We know what Padres do ...
They go with us on ops.*

But who goes with our veterans?"

While other in service support is continued after
service, Chaplaincy is not.

At Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland we believe
that care for our veterans, should continue
after service, and that should include access
to chaplaincy as part of our nation's military
covenant.

At Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland (VCS)

We offer an approachable, confidential,
experienced and proactive chaplaincy
service to our nation's veterans.

Other countries have a dedicated veteran's
chaplaincy service, and we believe our nation's
veterans should have the same.

Our chaplains 'speak the language' of the
service veteran.

We have been where they have been.

“Live with the soldiers”

Rev TB Hardy VC DSO MC
World War 1 chaplain

By virtue of being both military and civilian we
hope to bridge the 'pastoral gap' between our
veterans and our communities.

We are here to listen.

Our job is to support our veterans, their
families and our service widows and
widowers on life's journey, to be there in the
good times and the bad bringing hope,
healing and acceptance to all.

At Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland our
chaplains are trained in:

Pastoral care
Bereavement support
Spiritual leadership
Post trauma healing
Trauma Risk Management (TRIM)
Mental Health Awareness (MHFA)
Moral Injury support.

We work alongside and in support of local
churches and veteran charities.

*"We can baptise you, marry you and
bury you, and a few things in
between....."*



Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland (VCS) is part of Work
Place Chaplaincy Scotland (WPCS), a charity that has
provided chaplaincy to the business, retail and
banking community and to Scotland's fire and rescue
services for over 10 years.