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Great Wood Chaplaincy.

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- ☐ Please keep me updated with news
about Patrick

Signature

Date

Patrick's passion

"Needless to say, I love my job."

"Now that the Great Wood Trust has taken me on full time, I have more time in two local schools, developing deeper relationships with kids & staff.

"I was asked to be a listening ear for a young lady who has gone through more than anyone should have to. She said 'I remember you from when I came to Great Wood on Y4 camp!' How time flies.



"The more I'm invested in these schools, the more needs I see. I've completed Forest School training, so I can take some who struggle with school and help them enjoy & achieve in the great outdoors.

"I am asked to listen to and mentor children: a huge privilege. The biggest complaint I get is that schools want more of me! I don't say this boastfully; the education system is overwhelmed.

"My prayer is that God would shine through me into the lives of the children and adults I come into contact with, that through me they may understand His love for them."

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If you have any queries, please call Sue Keighley,
one of the Trustees, on 020 7794 2975.

help fund our
wonderful
chaplain



**"My daily prayer is that
God will use me for His
purposes and His glory."**



Please send this form to John Owen, 103 Argentia
Place, Portishead, BS20 7QS. Thank you!

An exciting ministry

For over 75 years, children and young people have enjoyed the special Great Wood Camp atmosphere.

Passionate about developing the schools ministry both on and off site, in 2018 the Trustees decided to step out in faith and expand the Chaplain's role to full-time.

Patrick has been appointed official chaplain in two local schools in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. One of the schools isn't a Church school but has willingly accepted him as a Christian presence in their community.

Patrick tailors the input for each school: taking assemblies; helping with activities; storytelling and sharing Jesus' love with pupils and staff. He works one day a week in each school.

This vital link enables Great Wood Camp to fulfil its vision of reaching beyond the boundaries of the site.

The Chaplain's role

Since 2004, Great Wood Camp has had a part time Chaplain - now he is working for us full time!

Patrick Weld has been Great Wood Camp Chaplain since 2013, working on site with visiting schools and as an ambassador for Great Wood Camp to local churches, schools and youth groups.

As the role of Great Wood Chaplain has expanded, it has been agreed that Bath and Wells Diocese will provide support, training and advice for this role. Our commitment is to find £30,000 a year to fund the post.

Can you help?

A donation will help the Chaplain's ministry to flourish and can be made as a one-off gift or as a monthly standing order; full details overleaf. Thank you so much!

Patrick writes...

"I first became a school chaplain in 2006. It is still a job that I love and it is a privilege to do.

Some of my youthful exuberance might have disappeared, but I have gained wisdom and confidence that I bring to the role now.

"I still like to have fun and be daft now and then. It helps to capture young imaginations and build relationships.

"Helen and I now have a handsome 3 year old. He is full of giggles and tantrums and loves the Great Wood site already. I love telling him stories I write, with the idea that he might read them one day and understand how to live well in the world, how to put into practice what Jesus taught. I tell the same stories at campfires with the school groups.

"Lots of people have donated to the Trust to keep my role going, and held me in prayer. Others have been in the right place at the right time when I've needed a quiet word. To all of you who have supported me at Great Wood, I can't say it enough:

thank you!

Patrick is passionate about his job ... see the back of this leaflet for more!

