

Ship Blessing Ceremony on MV Bright Kowa

Picton ship-visitor Ps Alf Millar received a request from the Captain to conduct a Blessing Ceremony for the new ship. When Chaplain Jan and Alf visited, the captain invited them to the bridge of the ship, along with a large proportion of the crew along with Diana, the ship's agent.



*“The captain asked us to pray a blessing over the ship from the bridge because as he said, **“The Bridge is the Head of the ship.”** Jane read the scripture from Matthew about Jesus on the boat in the middle of the storm. We then prayed a Blessing over the ship; captain and crew. We then signed a certificate to commemorate the Blessing”.*

Diana, the ship's agent presented a carefully crafted ship's anchor made from fine rope to commemorate the occasion.

The captain also asked for a blessing over the engine—the “heart of the ship”.

The welfare team were invited into the mess for a celebration meal with the crew “which was amazing”.

“I find it so encouraging in an increasingly secular world that a young professional Captain of a brand-new ship costing millions of dollars would want God’s Blessing on his ship and crew”
Ps Alf Millar

Bluff Maritime Museum

The team of volunteers at Southport were eager to assist seafarers to visit the local Maritime museum.

Those who are keen can get a “Seafarers Pass” which gives the free access to the Museum, with the Centre covering the cost of admission.



Port Marlborough extends lease on Seafarers Centre



The Centre is a repurposed Bio-Security room on the wharf near the berth. After a year of trialing this space as Seafarers Room, the Port was pleased to offer the space for another year.

We continue to be in discussions about future development plans for a stand alone Centre.